

Faculty Senate 12/3, meeting called to order at 3:35 PM by President Michael Baum

Approval of minutes from 10/16

**Budget meeting:** Paige Gibbs will attend

Meeting Times for Spring are being determined and will be announced shortly.

### **Provost Garro Discusses the Life Sciences Initiative**

Provost Garro:

Update on State and other levels. Michael Collins heads this initiative. Brief overview the governor has filed for an act for the investment in and expansion of the life sciences industry in the commonwealth. This is not yet funded. A breakout of the funding over a ten year periods \$500 MM in capital funding, 250MM in MA Life Sciences Investment Board. Reconfigure present board to create ne Life Sciences Sector Investment Program.

If an when this money flows some of the funding will be in a Life Sciences Talent Initiative conducted by the UMass Donahue Institute. Producing people from Bacc through PhD level that will provide the people necessary to staff the life sciences.

The MA Stem Cell Bank and Registry will be created. There will be three separate RFP's Lou Petrovic will be sending these.

The first will be tied to industry and there are a number of faculty who may have existing relationship with industry that will be willing to provide matching funds. For each of these three RFP's the campus is limited in number of RFP's so we will be establishing a review process.

One grant will be targeting faculty in the life sciences who have an established research program but have not received a large grant with matching dollars from UMass. Another grant will fund new faculty, seed money, start up grants. We have generated a list of faculty who might be eligible. Lou Petrovic will be contacting those faculty fairly soon. We will be limited to two applications per campus. We will have to put together a screening committee to decide which 2 applications will go forward.

The remaining issue to discuss is the establishment of six areas for potential funding. The University is identifying areas that will be applied to. A steering committee from each campus consisting of the Provost, certain selected Deans have identified a list of faculty who need to be part of this initiative. Many of the faculty have been contacted whose expertise fit into these six areas. This group will begin developing a University wide proposal to seek the funding from these areas under this initiative.

**Strategic Plan Rollout** -- Rolled out to the broader University committee. The strategic plan is now posted up on the website. To get to the website go to Admin and Services,

bring up list of admin services, click on Chancellor and one button reports and updates the link to the strategic plan is there. The site is still password protected and is not the public face of the plan. The public face is the overview of the plan, once this is cleaned up it will be directly on the homepage under the button “about the university”.

### **Report from the Steering Committee: Paige Gibbs**

Next meeting of BOT on 12/14, one of the first order of business will be the election of the new Chair of the BOT because Chairman Tacco has stepped down. Nov 20 – academic and student affairs committee. Update on reviews that had been conducted on each campus. UMD only Nursing had a report. Members of the Board questioned why there are so few deficiencies in faculty reviews? It was explained that the tenure process and other processes lead to a low level of deficient reviews.

Admin and Finance: Move to create 2008 budget, audits of campus are moving along, motion to pay all tuition and fees of fallen heroes.

### **Michael Baum Report Intercampus Faculty Council:**

Sounding board for informal discussion of issues going across campuses. President Wilson attended this meeting “off the record”. The issue of shared governance was brought up to the President and the response was that it was an internal campus issue and not risen to his level. The bulk of the discussion at the IFC was about the life sciences initiative. The bond issue. The need for the campuses to pull together rather than fight each other for shares. The key is to get the bond issue to go through so that the funding is available for all.

Committee Tasks were discussed with Provost Garro and the steering committee. The financial aid committee was discussed and it was suggested that the name be changed to the student scholarship committee. This group would identify, shape and assist students in getting campus, regional or national scholarships.

The Commencement Committee, the FSSC will act as a intermediary to assist in working with Jean Kim and David Millstone on resolving commencement issues.

The list of tasks will be sent and any comments should be sent to Michael. If there are no comments, then we should be able to approve those tasks.

The Student Senate has forwarded a document with a list of concerns that the students have. The Steering Committee together with Provost Garro would act as the Student Faculty Forum. Provost Garro, suggest that this group might include Jean Kim from Student Affairs.

### **Motion on Ged Ed Objectives and Outcomes, Motion seconded**

**\*\*See motion on attached document\*\***

Corrections: After Foreign Languages add Dept of Portuguese (pg 2)

Motion: Approved with one abstention.

### **Motion from the FSSC to recommend members of the General Education Task Force**

\*\* see motion on attached document, motion seconded.

**Point of Clarification:** This task force is a subcommittee of the Gen Ed committee and will forward their recommendation to the Gen Ed Committee who will bring the recommendation forward to the Faculty Senate.

Discussion of the need for clarification of the General Goals. The purpose of this task force is to identify how to assess the particular subgroups with the Gen Ed program. This discussion of how to assess these areas should trigger a discussion of the general goals of the Gen Ed program. For example, there is not obvious Social Science component of this program.

Motion approved with one abstention.

### **Brian Ashmankas, VP student Senate**

The student Senate would like to identify cross-membership opportunities on student senate committees. The committees meet weekly or bi-weekly.

Suggested to send a listing of committees and their charges so that the faculty can choose to participate on faculty. Need to get the times for committee meetings for various committees on which student participation is required. SFAAC and Library committee in particular.

Exploring areas where cooperation can be improved between faculty and student senates. Student Senate meetings will be now attended by student senators. Mondays, at 6PM. The faculty will attend.

Cultural Affairs Committee will be reinvigorated and students will serve with faculty to design Cultural activities. Student Senate has excess lecture series funding that can be contributed to an activities of the committee.

Arrange a meeting with the parking people to try to give the students a voice in the new parking policy. Create a task force with students and faculty to address parking issues.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:58.**