

Faculty Senate Meeting
February 5, 2009

Present:	M. Anderson, D. Boerth J. Griffith K. Langley V. Mendes G. O'Rielly B. Singh	P. Bacdayan P. Gibbs A. Hausknech R. Laoulache H. Michel J. Peterson B. Steven	M. Baum R. Golen F. Karakaya S. Leclair B. Mikolajczak S. Scott E. Winiarz	J. Bisagni L. Goodman G. Koot J. Marlow A. Mollo S. Sousa
Excused:	C. Curran Y. Magrass	Q. Fan	M. Holloway	F. Scarano
Guests:	S. Andrews J. Hoey	M. Carrera J. MacCormack	W. Chaka D. Millstone	C. Cummings Q. Xia

I M. Baum called the meeting to order.

G. Koot moved and S. Peterson seconded to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

II Steering Committee report

- The College of Nursing will conduct an election to choose an additional member to the Senate. The Humanities Council will receive another at-large seat by appointment of the President.
- Provost Garro's evaluation is scheduled for this year. Committee members will be selected using a Greek ballot. Their survey work will begin in September.
- The Senate will develop a discussion group on the development of building priorities to be used in the submission of requests for the Massachusetts Education Bond or Federal Economic Stimulus money.
- M. Baum spoke to the current fiscal crisis and asked all to radically rethink what we do and how we do it. Faculty concerned about forwarding change-related ideas through emails to the administration should forward them instead to either Mbaum@umassd.edu or Jgriffith@umassd.edu and these anonymous messages will be passed along.
- D. Roscoe presented the concept of using a Google group to serve as a threaded faculty forum. This would provide a more efficient method to engage faculty in discussions of interest and help the Senate to determine who is best to work on specific committees. During the beginning of the academic year, faculty will receive the digest

format of the groups. They can change how often they receive individual emails or opt out by selecting web-based mail. A manager will be needed to enroll faculty at the beginning of each academic year and to oversee decorum. G. Koot moved and J. Griffith seconded that the Faculty Senate sponsor such a group. Motion carried.

- D. Roscoe reported that an assessment of general education was completed recently. It would appear we need to look at general education in the context of curriculum renewal. There will be planned discussions and guest speakers scheduled to allow for better interaction on proposals placed on the Google group forum.

- The motion to recommend to the Chancellor the creation of a new Undergraduate Certificate was carried out by electronic ballot. The motion carried. There was a discussion concerning the legitimacy of a University offering a pre-baccalaureate certificate. Topics included:

- The issue of usurping the role of the Community Colleges,
- The utility of using a certificate program to lure back people who had college credit but had not completed a program as opposed to transfer student status
- The appropriateness of a University offering pre-baccalaureate offering as opposed to the traditional post-baccalaureate certificates.
- The differentiations between a pre-baccalaureate certificate and a minor
- The possibility that employer sponsored courses are not in our mission
- The inclusion of certificate programs as part of the strategic plan

M. Carrera discussed the new proposal form and procedure for creating new certificate programs.

III. Old Business

- Academic Sanctions Policy

In accordance with the discussion and motions of the December meeting, a revised Academic Sanctions policy was developed. R. Golen moved and B. Singh second to adopt the policy with a Be It Noted attachment – *Moves to dismiss any student in academic jeopardy are subject to the effective intervention by the Department Chairperson.* Motion carried.

- Cultural Affairs Committee – J. Marlow, Chair

In the recent past, there has been no money and no cultural activities on the campus. Last year, the Provost's Office and the Division of Student Affairs each gave \$15,000. Four performances were scheduled. Three have been successfully implemented. Earlier knowledge of budget is imperative to schedule more effectively. Scheduling of events on campus is problematic at best. Better outreach and schedule consideration with the other cultural and artistic activities in the area are important.

- University Research Committee – A. Hausknecht, Chair

The Faculty Research survey has been completed. Results are available on the web. Work is continuing on the misconduct policy. We can make limited changes to the Healey Public Service grants. The Graduate Assistant and Teaching Assistant fee schedules show that we are not competitive with peer universities. This must be changed if we wish to be

attractive to better students. There is no central budget for graduate or research programs. Policies have been implemented without input from affected faculty (ex., the inclusion of CSF request in new grants).

Data on the cost of individual programs is available on the website. 83% goes to the undergraduate programs. Detailed information is given to the Budget Review Board.

IV Introduction of Cynthia Cummings

- Arrived here this academic year as Associate Vice Chancellor in Student Affairs
- Currently serves in a capacity similar to that of Dean of Students
- Works with faculty and students on academic matters and issues of access
- Portfolio includes disciplinary actions, multi-cultural and student organization activities
- Works with Admissions to investigate the legal backgrounds of potential students

Center for Access and Success – Wendi Chaka

- Primary task is to make sure that the University is in compliance with federal and state anti-discrimination laws and regulations for people with disabilities.
- An attendance policy concerning students with chronic illnesses was discussed and referred to the Student Faculty Academic Affairs Committee.

V K. Langley moved and P. Gibbs seconded to adjourn. Motion carried