

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2009

Present: Anderson, M., Bacdayan, P., Boerth, D., Carreiro, E., Currier, P., Fan, Q., Fonabjong, J., Gibbs, P., Goodman, L., Karakaya, F., Koot, G., Kowalczyk, R., Krumholz, S., Langley, K., Leclair, S., Michel, Mendes, V., H., Mollo, A., Plaw, A., Roscoe, D., Scarano, F., E. Winiarz

Excused: Curran, C., Golen, R., Matei, R., Mikolajczyk, B., Scott, S.

Guests: Fioravanti, E., Garro, A., O'Rielly, G., Panofsky, R., Sousa, S.

Meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Report of the Steering Committee

Report from President

- **Fees** M. Baum gave a brief summary of his address to UMass Board of Trustees about increasing the student fees. He supported the student perspective but because of the even more severe financial straits if fees were not increased there was no choice but to support the increase.
- **NEASC standard 3** Baum is the co-chair with R. Green of the NEASC self study committee on Organization and Governance. The committee is currently considering how best to access these aspects. Possibilities: Survey, Qualitative interviews, use of a Chronicle of Higher Education survey on best practices for sustaining a productive working environment. An administrative reorganization is beginning on this campus. Baum noted that UMass Amherst has a good reorganization ad hoc committee with wide representation. This campus would do well to adopt this model.
- **Civil discourse** In response to a document which was recently posted in several places on campus Susan Leclair moved: "Because civilized discussion and debate are integral to the life of a university, I move that the Faculty Senate condemn in the strongest possible terms, the disrespectful broadsheets distributed last week and chastise the authors for their ill mannered and inappropriate behavior." The motion was seconded. The motion **carried** with 4 abstentions
- **General Education** A series of programs on this topic were announced. The first program will take place on March 11.

Report from the Provost

- **General Education ISLO** outcomes presented by Dave Milstone. **ISLO** (integrated Student Learning Outcomes) will be steered by D. Roscoe, Director, This project will support NEASC efforts.
- **Budget Cuts**
 - Current discussion at Vice Chancellor level about how best to engage people as part of bargaining units.
 - Garro expressed appreciation to Deans and Department Chairs in reducing academic expenditure by \$2 million and \$500,000 in new money. This means the campus will be able to move forward with all of the new searches.
 - Class scheduling issues will be the next phase. The Registrar will be the interface for this phase.
 - Admissions for the coming year must be successful. The most recent Discovery day for Nursing was well attended.
- **Strategic Plan** Garro will report soon on the next refreshing of the plan which is anticipated for the fall.
- **Financial Exigency** A meeting on will be held right after the break

Report from the Faculty Representative to UMass Board of Trustees

- The Board of Trustees meeting held on this campus on February 27.
- A fees increase was voted
- A Ph.D in Mathematics Education, to be offered on this campus, was approved
- A Trustee task force has been appointed to help the Chancellors with campus budget reductions. The members of the committee are: R. Manning (Chair of task force and the Board), E. Collins, R. Lawton, P. Johnston, A. Rego, H. Thomas and S. Tacco

Old Business/Committee Reports

ISLO (Integrated Student Learning Outcomes) Progress Report

R. Panofsky and D. Milstone made this presentation to elicit comments, suggestions and ideas. No vote is being requested at this time. After meeting with all of the governance bodies and subsequent revision a final draft will be presented for a vote.

- The charge, rationale, procedure and process of validation were reviewed
- 168 student responses were collected for the study
- M. Carreia sent the draft statement to everyone.
- D Milstone will facilitate the comments
- 13 frames were effected from the vector analysis. Each piece will be analyzed for points at which they are accessed.
- Queries about the process:
 - External stakeholders' input (e.g. employers, alumni),
 - Words which connote emotional (and therefore not quantifiable) development were seldom used and assessment of analytical skills was omitted.
 - How do the learning outcomes help to match a student with a profession?
 - Question of justification for requiring general education.
 - Draft statement needs to flow better.

Baum asked the Faculty Senate members to email further responses to either Milstone (dmilstone@umassd.edu) or Panofsky (rpanofsky@umassd.edu)

New Business

Campus Security Plan

E. Fioravanti, Chief of UMass Dartmouth Police, addressed the Faculty Senate about appropriate steps Faculty should take in an Active Shooter Emergency. This is a plan which he hopes will never have to be exercised.

- College campuses cannot be easily and tightly locked down
- UMass Dartmouth Campus Police are prepared and trained
- There are multiple means of reporting an emergency
- Faculty should remain calm. As the faculty member is the authority figure this attitude will help the students remain calm
- Keep the room door closed
- Barricade door using furniture, and/or backpacks
- Keep silent
- Keep the area dark
- Call 9191
- Report: location, number of people in area, number of injured, describe assailant

Comments to the Chief of Police

- Concern that domestic violence in the dormitories is minimized by the police
- Concern about outdoor campus activities with “play guns”

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Paige Gibbs - secretary pro tem