

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 9/22/08

Call to Order 3:41

Approval of Minutes from 5/2008

Motion to accept the minutes.

Seconded.

Motion carries with one abstention

Report from Steering Committee

Advising.

Similar to the Gen Ed SLAGE model to create a task force on Advising. Ellen Christen is retiring this year and her retirement has opened a dialogue about advising campus wide. To establish goals and objectives for advising across campus. At October Faculty Senate meeting we will present the official proposal for the task force. People are currently being contacted who are being asked to serve.

Online Education

The October meeting will have this on the agenda and Don Babcock and Joy <<>> from PCE will be invited. The Faculty Senate has been asked to look into issues related to online courses. Tactical as well as broader issues will be addressed. The Steering Committee has contacted the Intercampus Faculty Council for some comparative data to see difference in pay rates, etc. Compare the UMD policy against others.

Co-sponsoring a Webinar about Teaching Troubled Students Campus Policy and Threat Assessment

Faculty Senate Brown Bag Series

On UMD Announce series of four lectures. First 9/24 on possible use of nuclear power, Peter Friedman is presenting. There are three other presentations throughout the semester. Reminders will be sent and posted to the Faculty Senate website.

Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Transfer Policy with MA System
Smoothing the transition from State community colleges to upper division colleges. They have put forth a list of rules for these students. Kathy Sullivan manages transfer for the campus and has been most involved. This document will replace the current compacts and was designed to have students who transfer complete in a timely fashion. Must complete the MassTransfer set in order to transfer courses into upper division colleges. The State would like comment by December 15th from academic governance groups. This matter has been forwarded to the SFAAC for comment and asked for their report to the full Senate in November.

Add/Drop Process for Campus

The withdrawal policy was examined last year. The SFAAC was asked to look into this problem as well.

NEASC Process

April 2010 site visit. The committees for the self-study will be created. Michael Baum will chair the committee on organization and self-governance please email and volunteer.

Provost Garro Update

NEASC

NEASC process takes about one year in preparation. The various committees will be appointed by the end of September. There are 11 standards that will need to be addressed. The academic programs section is by far the most extensive and will require the most work. Chair recommendations are being made now. Recommendations are being sought from a variety of sources. The groups should have their draft reports by the end of the Spring semester, late April or May. The cohesive report will be created over the Summer and distributed to campus by the Fall. A website with all of the resource documents will be posted to keep the campus community engaged as the process goes forward.

Introduction of New Administrative Posts

Debra McLaughlin new Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. Public Safety moved to Admin and Finances from Student Affairs.

Jeffrey Wolfman will be leaving campus in December. Michael Et?? is being appointed interim VC for Advancement.

Academic Support Services was redesigned. Writing Center and Math Center, CTE and NFI are all now under Robert Green he will be given a new title to reflect the scope of his administrative duty.

Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and an Associate Provost for Graduate Studies. Magli Carrera is the new Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies responsibilities inc. academic advising, general education with a focus this year on the honors program, educational technology, college now and pathways programs.

Associate Provost for Graduate Programs. Gao Xia is new to campus. Responsibilities include graduate program assessment and development grad recruitment and retention, as well as faculty research issues.

Jen Riley was recently honored by the Sloan Foundation by receiving an award for outstanding online teaching. There will be a recognition ceremony.

There was a reception sponsored by the Provost and the Chancellor to welcome the new faculty to campus. Both tenure track and FTL, Dean's and the Department Chairs were all invited. We are going to have a reception to congratulate the faculty who received tenure and were promoted to Professor sometime in the Spring.

Old Business/Committee Reports

Library Committee was charged with coming up with the cost of new programs. Six programs were analyzed including Women's Studies program since it was slated for update to a major.

The second charge was to examine the Turn it In software for plagiarism. Available on the library homepage but managed by CITS instructional development. If you are not familiar with the system it is included in the library report. The report is available through the faculty senate website.

The analysis of the requirement for Women's Studies was based on an analysis of other programs libraries to find a standard set of resources included journals, books, databases etc., for a total of \$106,927, annual cost \$38,927 including a one time cost \$68,000.

Questions: Is there a library budget per program?

Answer: There has been no additional budget for new programs.

For many years there was an allocation per department and faculty recommended titles that were purchased. It seems like this is no longer the practice.

Was there a difference between additional monies needed for undergraduate program versus graduate program versus going from graduate to PhD? Can you now state how much programs should include with new proposals?

Library budget over \$1.5 million inflation about 7% per year. Need over \$115,000 just to keep up with current holdings.

There was a group that worked last year to respond to the Governor's life science initiative. Working on this initiative let a diverse set of groups together and all identified the library as a key component for access. Trying to develop a system wide approach to make the databases available across the system equally. The Life Sciences Task Force was given to the Board in the last week or so. Once it is available electronically it will be posted.

Motion to accept the library budget report

Seconded

Motion carries.

SFAAC Faculty and Student Classroom Agreement (FSCA)

Motion to adopt FSCA
Motion seconded.
Motion carries

Research Committee Report, Farhi Karakaya

Motion to adopt the committee report
Motion seconded.
Motion carries

Proposal from Student Senate

Students Senate very concerned about the rising cost of textbooks. Brian Ashmankas from the Student Senate. The lending library the Student Senate has created could be used by students and assist in affordability to students. Asking the Faculty Senate to adopt a motion: Henceforth, older edition of textbooks with similar content to the newest editions shall be acceptable substitutions for the new editions of these course material, unless state otherwise in the syllabus.

Motion to accept
Motion seconded

Discussion:

Motion to make Friendly amendment add the phrase with the approval of the course instructor.
Motion seconded.

Motion does not carry.

Motion: Instruct the faculty senate to choose a committee to examine the financial and spatial implications of creating a policy for all required textbooks for 100 and 200 level course to be placed in the library on reserve.

Motion carries with 6 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions.

Motion to adjourn
Motion carries 4:57

