

Faculty Senate Meeting December 10, 2009

Call to Order 3:38

Motion to Approve Minutes Motion Seconded

Minutes Approved

President's Report

Two NEASC forums have been held and were an opportunity for faculty to comment. The turnout was not good. The NEASC documents are now held on the Provost website. There will be one more opportunity for comment through the Blog, again on the Provost website and then /NEASC. Log in with UMass user name and password and you will be able to see the drafts, comments and then you can enter your comments.

The Advising Forum was also sparsely attended this was about the future of academic advising at UMD. There was a video made that will be posted to the Faculty Senate website.

Paige Gibbs, BOT Update

UMass Lowell now has the Tsongas arena and a hotel that is adjacent to the arena. UMass Amherst is getting a new dorm. There is a new K-12 initiative that will lead to more efforts between UMass and k-12. There are 4 new trustees, and a governance board meeting will be held to fill vacancies.

Intercampus Faculty Council

Paul Bacdayan attended the meeting in Michael's stead. The primary issue was the focus on issues that are in common to all campuses. There were many issues related to workload, with increasing research expectations and class sizes. There was some expressed concern about the lack of contract on the UMD campus.

Chancellor MacCormack

The vote on the Law Schools was 12:4 there was a vote of confidence in UMD to develop a quality law school for the State. The BOT has reviewed a lot of material from not only campus but external evaluators. The Board of Higher Education now has a 30 day review to bring it to the assessment committee on 1/26 and the full BHE on 2/2 at the Bridgewater campus. We must continue to monitor the legislative process to look for any issues. There are issues relate to misperceptions about UMD and whether or not we can make SNESL into a quality law school. We must be vigilant in pushing back on such misperceptions.

Provost Anthony Garro

The President of the NEASC site visit team will be on campus 1/7 and 1/8 he will be given copies of the reports. From the forums there are areas that have to be update and revise. Navitas is an Australian firm working with UMass Dartmouth, Lowell and Boston this will contribute to the goal of internationalizing our undergrad programs as well as generating revenue. We hope to finalize the agreement with them and bring the first cohort to in 2010

Michael Goodman and Deborah Carlson were both awarded tenure at this meeting.

Neema Rava an Asst. Prof at UMD was the first professor to get one of the life sciences initiatives awards. Clinical and transitional research center membership is required to apply for these funds. This is seed funding.

UCC Updates

UCC vote unanimously to approve the preliminary proposal for the Doctor of Nursing Practice. To become an advance practice and certified nurse you will need to have the DNP by 2015. One additional faculty member was requested. The criteria for filling any positions will now have possess not only an active research record an advance practice certificate.

Motion to endorse UCC approval, Seconded, Approved

UCC also voted on a new governance structure for the Sustainability program. There is no new program content being proposed by there will be some structure for governance formed. There is currently no monitoring of the program. This proposal was based heavily on the Women's Study program.

Motion to endorse UCC recommendation to approve the changes to the sustainability governance structure. Motion seconded. Approved.

Law School Task Force

This was designed to move forward with implementation issues. The task force consists of 6 faculty members and 6 administrators. The task force met last Monday, the faculty had a lot of questions. There was a lot of information exchanged. The task force is now divided into smaller workgroups. Dates and times for meetings have been arranged and the reports will be updated distributed via email since work will continue over the break an intersession.

SFAAC Report

Ric Golen has asked to have the issue of shortening the semester be tabled until the Feb meeting.

Motion to table, no second the motion dies.

Provost Garro presented the justification for the shortening of the semester. In the course of investigating how to close for the two weeks last year it was discovered that other UMass campuses have a 14 week semester. This idea of shortening the semester was therefore referred to the SFAAC.

We are aware that the Faculty Federation will have to be included in any discussions, we were seeking academic advice on the shortening of the semester.

Budget Review Board

The group had requested information. We also asked for some very specific information that is supposed to be forthcoming. The Chancellor informed the Senate that we have been given a \$10.5 M, \$13.2 M in benefit funds, the University will have about an \$8M shortfall even after the stimulus funding. We so far do not have a plan for dealing with this but may have to reallocate some of the stimulus funding.

Professional Science Masters

The Coast PSM program is proposed to be implemented with a non-thesis track where they take the science core curriculum, along with business and policy. “Plus” courses are the business and policy courses, the students will also have to complete an internship with a reflection paper.

Since there is so little difference between the non-thesis option and this that it does not require the attention of the Faculty Senate. This program is more of a department curriculum committee level. Within the School of Marine Science contract there is a requirement that any changes come to the Faculty Senate. This must be forwarded from the Faculty Senate.

Motion that Faculty Senate approve this proposal. Motion seconded. Approved

Motion to Adjourn, seconded, approved

Meeting adjourned 4:17