



Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting – February 8, 2010

- Present: M,Altabet M. Anderson M. Baum S. Bhowmick D. Boerth Q. Fan
C. Gardner P. Gibbs R. Golen J. Griffith M. Guo A. Hausknecht
M. Holloway Y. Kim G. Koot K.Langley S. Leclair J. Leffers
H. Michel A. Mollo V. Mendes G. O’Rielly S. Ordoobadi S. Peterson
J. Riley D. Roscoe C. Wang E. Winiaz
- Excused: L. Brodeur C. Curran S. Krumholz B. Mikolajczak
- Absent: P. Bacdayan J. Bergandy J. Blitefield B. Bouchard E. Carreiro L. Cheng
R. Darst A. Davenport K. Fields D. Georginna F. Karakaya R. Laoulache
W. LeBlanc J. Li Y. Magrass M. McCurry B. McFarlane A. Plaw
T. Puir F. Scarano S. Scott B. Singh s. Sibhari L. Sun
Y. Zuo
- Guests: M. Carrera G. Chulyer R. Drew J Farmington A. Fowler A. Garro
D. Hawkins W. Hogan P. Karimi J. MacCormack D. Massano J McGuirk-Hadley
R. Peck J. Satlow M. Sylvain A. Tio

1. President Baum called the meeting to order.

J. Griffith moved and R. Golen seconded a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
2. M. Baum presented the report of the Steering Committee:
 - The Provost Evaluation Committee work is progressing. A survey will be made available soon. Please participate in this process.
 - D. Roscoe will be hosting a poster presentation forum on General Education information from other universities. The General Education Committee is looking for new ideas concerning new courses, modification of current ones or better procedures/policies to include both pedagogy and assessment. The session will be held in the library browsing area on February 10.
 - G. O’Rielly has accepted an appointment to the Information Technology Strategic Planning group that seeks to mesh the IT plan with the University’s Strategic Plan.
3. Chancellor MacCormack reiterated the status of the recent vote of the Board of Higher Education to grant the campus implement a law school. We are now accepting applications to the University of Massachusetts School of Law – Dartmouth. The legal turning over of assets will be on July 1, 2010. She thanked the Senate for its support.

Provost Garro gave an update on the NEASC self study and visit. Over 100 faculty, staff and students worked for over a year to make this document. It has received favorable reviews for its organization and content. The final document will be mailed by February 22, 2010. UMass Dartmouth may be asked to serve as a presenter at the NEASC workshop for upcoming self studies by other institutions. The self study visit will be during the week of April 11th - 14th.

4. Law School Task Force - S. Leclair

S. Krumholz and S. Leclair met with the Dean of SNESE and reviewed tenure materials required by the ABA and other aspirant peer Law Schools and compared them with material from current faculty at SNESE. The ones that were reviewed more than met both the ABA and other institutions regarding tenure. The tenure process is somewhat different from the traditional university for publications are typically more than seventy (70) pages long and tenure is usually granted around the 4th year. Additional reviews of the library and curriculum are in process. The Senate will need to formally review the proposed curriculum by the end of the semester.

5. On Line Learning - J. Riley

The Strategic Plan for online Learning document has been distributed. It is to serve as a guide for planning any curriculum moves to online learning and placing emphasis of voice/video/animation interactivity. On line learning makes college available to those who could not/would come to UMass Dartmouth any other way. Questions were raised concerning offering online courses as part of the day class load and student having to pay extra fees. Yes, it is possible for these courses to be on day load. There is some discussion for waiving the fees for day students. G. Koot moved and M. Holloway seconded a motion to recommend the paper. Motion carried.

6. The Library Committee report is postponed until the march meeting.

Research Committee - S. Jenkins

The Research Committee has received requests for over \$200,000 from faculty. In addition, the Research Committee wishes to investigate the need for some financial support to faculty who wish to take a fellowship during a non-sabbatical year. This is of import because the Board of Trustees wishes more fellowships but a lecture fellowship should not be taken during a sabbatical/ research year. Can the campus contribute enough money to equal the faculty member's full time salary? The Provost stated that financial issues such as a redistribution of indirect costs together with the faculty member's departmental colleagues picking up the additional course load could be looked at. It was noted by Senators that indirect funding to Principal Investigators and departments has been cut significantly. D. Roscoe moved and J. Riley seconded a motion to direct the Research Committee to develop a proposal in principle concerning this issue. Motion carried.

7. SFAAC - R. Golen

The concept of a shorter semester needs more investigation with both the Senate and the Faculty Federation. Individual departments should be polled to determine the effect of losing 1 week on their curriculum. Of concern is the impact on poorer prepared students who take a longer conceptual development time. The semester length at similar institutions should also be evaluated. D> Roscoe suggested that a meeting with chairperspn might be appropriate. R. Golen moved and A. Hausknecht seconded a motion to refer this concept back to the SFAAC for further study. Motion carried.

8. Admission Update - T. Reinhardt

The targets for the 2010 undergraduate admissions is 1550 plus 500 transfer students. We seem to be on pace. The academic achievement of these entering freshmen will be on a par with our current freshmen students. Now that we are using acmmon online admissions form for UMass, there has been an increase in applications but it is too soon to tell if this increase is meaningful. We have anew information package and video and we have purchased mailing information for all of the sophomores in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. There is a new Search and Screen for the Director of Admissions position.

A. Fowler reported that graduate applicants have doubled and they too have a new informational packet.

9. Faculty Handbook Update – A. Garro
The Provost’s Office is updating the faculty handbook. The Steering Committee has access to the development phase. It will be web based with hot links to appropriate additional sites on the campus.
10. G. Koot moved and A. Hausknecht seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Leclair
Secretary *pro tem*

