

Minutes – February 23, 2011

Present:

Bacdayan, P	Baum, M.	Bergandy, J	Boerth, D.	Carreiro, E.	Du, C.	Fan, Q.
Gibbs, P.	Golen, R.	Langley, K.	Leclair, S.	Leffers, J	Li, Y.	Mollo, A.
O’Rielly, G.	Ordoobadi, S	Peterson, S	Riley, J.	Roscoe, D.	Scarano, F	Tandon, A.
Wang, C	Wang, S	White, S	Zuo, Y			

Absent

Altabet, M.	Anderson, M.	Cheng, L.	Curran, C.	Darst, R.	Fields, K.	Guo, M.
Hedegus, S.	Holloway, M	Kim, Y.	Magrass, Y	McCurry, M.	Mendes, V.	Parayitam, S.
Plaw, A.	Puri, T.	Sibdari, S.	Singh, B.	Sousa, F.	Sun, L	

Excused:

Brodeur L.	Griffith, J.	Karakaya, F.	Knauer, L.
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Guests:

H. Bentz	T. Burton J.	M. Carera	A. Fowler	W. Hogan	J. McGirl-Hadley
W. Ojadi	R. Peck	R. Ward	E. Winiarz	M. Zarillo	

1. A. Mollo moved and R. Golen seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the December Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried

2. **President’s report** **G. O’Rielly**
G. O’Rielly welcomed everyone back to a new semester. The proposal for a PH.D. in English has been forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee.

Board of Trustees Report **P. Gibbs**

- The Board unanimously approved the selection of Robert Caret as the next UMass President. J. Wilson was granted tenure at UMass Lowell.
- There are 2 NSC funded Science/Technology Research grants awarded to Lowell and Amherst.
- The fundraising for the University has exceeded the 2011 goals. All campuses have seen increased giving by 50%. The goal of the endowment is \$500 million.
- The Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee approved the Doctorate proposal in Nursing Practice for UMass Dartmouth. Questions were raised concerning the reallocation of scarce resources.
- The term of the Student Trustee extends to the July after graduation.
- Richard Freeland, Commissioner of the Department of Higher Education and the developer of the Vision project, wants input from the various campuses. Please go to website to comment.

3. **Online Learning** **J. Riley**

- There is an RFP for the new online learning system. Responses are due by March 31, 2011. If faculty wish to participate in reviewing/working with the proposed systems, please contact IDTEAM@umassd.edu. It will take at least a year to transfer material from the old system to the new. Planned implementation is to begin on September 1.

University Studies

D. Roscoe

- Target implementation for the new University Studies program is September 2012. Courses will have to be approved by the General Education Committee. There will be no tacit approvals of previously approved Gen Ed courses. A minimum of 300 seats must be available in each category in order to begin the implementation with a final goal of 800 seats in courses. There will be a public forum on the construct at noon in the Library Browsing Area on March 8.
- He hopes to meet with each department to discuss department specific requirements such as level II writing issues and the capstone course.
- There will be a need to develop faculty skills to fully implement the curriculum.

Grade Appeal

G. O’Rielly

- In the current Student handbook, the text refers to the Grade Appeal officer as serving in an ombudsperson role. This has caused some students to seek advice from the Campus Ombudsperson instead of the Grade Appeal Officer. P. Gibbs moved and D. Roscoe seconded a motion to substitute “approved intermediary” for “ombudsperson”. Motion carried

Proposal for a Ph.D. in Engineering and Applied Science

V. Vokkarane

- The proposal is for a multi-disciplinary PHD that will also allow for specialty options to be created such as mechanical engineering or electrical engineering, etc.
- The program will be 66 credits with almost half of those credits in research.
- There were questions concerns the reallocation of scarce resources. The idea is to use graduate student TAs to serve as instructors in undergraduate courses to free up faculty for graduate levels courses. Currently approved master’s degree level courses will also be used thus lowering the number of newly created courses that will be needed. Courses in one specialty can be used as elective courses for other options.

4. The draft of the new Emeritus Policy will be tabled until the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Leclair, Secretary