

Faculty Senate Minutes
May 11, 2011

Present:	M. Anderson	M. Baum	E. Carreiro	R. Darst	Q. Fan	L. Forker
	C. Garone	P. Gibbs	R. Golen	J. Griffith	S. Hegedus	Y. Kim
	K. Langley	W. LeBlanc	S. Leclair	J. Leffers	Y. Li	Y. Magrass
	M. McCurry	V. Mendes	A. Mollo	G. O'Rielly	J. Paraskeva	S. Parayitam
	S. Peterson	J. Riley	D. Roscoe	F. Scarano	C. Wang	E. Winiarz
	J. Wu					
Absent:	M. Altabet	C. Barrow	D. Boerth	Y. Chen	K. Fields	A. Gunasekaran
	M. Guo	M. Hall	A. Hausknecht	P. Karimi	S. Kim	L. Knauer
	S. Ordoobadi	A. Plaw	T. Puri	S. Sibdari	L. Sun	A. Tandon
	S. Wang	S. White	Y. Zuo			
Guests:	P. Bacdayan	H. Bentz	M. Carrera	K. Curow	K. Dixon	N. Dluhy
	S. Enklemeyer	J. Fain	J. Farrington	M. Goodman	W. Hogan	J. MacCormack
	J. McGurl-Hadley		D. Monk	T. Meressi	E. Ojadi	R. Peck
	K. Riding	S. Scott	F. Sousa	M. Sylvain	A. Tio	

1. There were 17 nominations for 17 open seats so there was no need for an election.
2. Elections for the Steering Elections

Grant O'Rielly was nominated for the office of President

Michael Baum was nominated for membership from the Social science Council on the Steering Committee.

Stephen Hegedus was nominated for membership from the SEPPCE Council on the Steering Committee.

Paige Gibbs was nominated for membership from the Library Council on the Steering Committee.

Ric Golen was nominated for membership from the Business Council on the Steering Committee.

Kenneth Langley was nominated for membership from the Engineering Council on the Steering Committee

Susan Leclair was nominated for membership from the Science Council on the Steering Committee.

Mary McCurry was nominated for membership from the Nursing Council on the Steering Committee.

Arlene Mollo was nominated for membership from the Visual & Performing Arts Council on the Steering Committee

Jeanette Riley was nominated for membership from the Humanities Council on the Steering Committee

As there were no contested elections, the secretary was directed to cast one ballot for the election of the 2011-2012 Steering Committee. Susan Leclair is secretary for 2011-2012.

3. R. Golen moved and A. Mollo seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the April Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed.

4. President's Report

- The following Professors and Librarians Emeritus received their certifications from President G. O'Rielly:

Bruce Barnes	Library
Nancy Dluhy	Adult & Child Nursing
Elliott Willoughby	Fine Arts
Severin Haines	Fine Arts
Raymond Jackson	Accounting & Finance
Bulent Kobu	Decision & Information Sciences
Betty Mitchell	History
Steven Nardone	Electrical & Computer Engineering
Katherine Randall Haley	Library
Penn Reeve	Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice
James Riley	Psychology
Ercan Tirtiroglu	Decision & Information Sciences

- The University Curriculum Committee is to be congratulated on the review for the Multi-disciplinary PHD proposal that has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

5. University Studies – D. Roscoe

- The University Studies website is live and all course forms are available along with necessary background material.

- Deadlines for courses submissions are listed on the website. They include:

September 16, 2011:	Cluster 1B – Mathematics
September 30, 2011:	Cluster 3B - Visual and Performing Arts
October 28, 2011:	Cluster 2A - Science of the Natural World
November 25, 2011:	Cluster 4A - Human Questions and Contexts
January 27, 2012:	Cluster 4B - Nature of US Society; Cluster 4C - Nature of Global Society
March 1, 2012:	Cluster 2B - Science in the Engaged Community

- For the academic year 2011- 2012, Thomas Boone will be interim University Studies Director.
 - Congratulations to the General Education Committee for their work on this project.
6. OnLine Learning – J. Riley
- See attachment #1 for presentation on current status of online learning. UMass Lowell continues to grow while we have not.
 - S.Hegedus asked about technical issues limiting video conferencing. He also commented about the need to educate K-12 school systems of the possible use of social networking for learning.
7. Research Committee – S. Jenkins
- The committee reviewed 23 proposals totaling over \$180,000 with a budget of \$71,000. There were 9 public service proposals totaling \$72,000 with a budget of \$30,000.
 - Although committee are usually composed of representatives from each council, the majority of proposals were from the science and engineering councils making it difficult for members not from those councils to review them in detail. Additional committee members can be appointed to help distribute the workload. One other option was raised to ask the individual councils for review and ranking of proposals prior to submission to the committee. Another option would be to have the councils list strengths and weaknesses but not rank.
8. Honors Program – R. Darst
- This year we will graduate 26 Commonwealth Scholars with 75 rising seniors. There is concern that there are not enough Honors Project Supervisors for all students. Faculty will receive a \$300 stipend each semester.
9. University Curriculum Committee – G. O’Rielly
- The UCC was asked to review the policy of a department mandating a minimum grade of C- in the first semester for eligibility to take the second semester of a 2-course sequence. This was of concern as students who are affected by this policy might not be majors in that department.

The report of the committee stated:

All information in the UMD catalog, published course descriptions, and COIN supports Chemistry's position that his minimum grade requirement is clearly explained and applies equally to all students. The UCC affirms the long-standing principle, consistently respected across all colleges and department, that determination of the prerequisites for courses lies entirely within the authority of the department offering those courses.

In a vote of 10 to 2, the UCC recommends in favor of the Chemistry department position. They have the sole authority for setting prerequisites for their courses.

10. Student/Faculty Academic Affairs Committee

- D. Roscoe moved and S. Jenkins seconded a motion to adopt the recommendation of the SFAAC:

Good Academic Standing: *Cumulative GPA and semester GPA of 2.0 or above*

Academic Warning: *Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 are placed on Academic Probation.*

Extended Probation: *Students whose cumulative GPA is below 2.0 but whose GPA for the most recent semester was 2.3 or higher and who have passed a minimum of two-thirds of the attempted credits are placed on Extended Probation. Students remain in this status until their cumulative GPA rises to a minimum of 2.0 or until they are dismissed from the University.*

Academic Dismissal: *Students whose cumulative GPA is below 2.0 for a second consecutive semester without meeting criteria for Extended Probation are dismissed from the university.*

Appealing Dismissal: *Students may appeal their dismissal to the dean of their college.*

Readmission after Dismissal: *After one semester dismissed students are eligible to apply for readmission to the University. Readmitted students are subject to the standards and restrictions specified by the college to which they are admitted. Readmitted students who fail to meet college standards may be permanently dismissed from the University.*

Academic Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Involvement: *Students who have been placed on Academic Probation or Extended Probation may not serve on University committees, hold leadership positions in student government and other co-curricular organizations or represent the University in intercollegiate athletics.*

Discussion centered around

- * the issue of departmental support;
- * whether this is a general policy or a procedure. It was determined that this is a policy to help the Assistant Deans.
- * the issue of students being ABC'd into another major without the consent of the chairperson.

It was determined that the Registrar must notify the Chairperson of students within the Department who potentially would come under this policy.

Motion carried.

- J. Riley moved and S. Hegedus seconded a motion to adopt the new catalogue language to read:

Only credits for courses in which "C-" or higher grades were received will transfer and appear on the UMass Dartmouth transcript, although all previous coursework is considered for admission purposes. If a transfer course has been taken more than once at another institution, UMass Dartmouth will accept the best grade awarded to the student for that course.

Transferred credits and course titles will be recorded on the transcript without a grade designation; these courses will not be included in the grade point average earned at UMass Dartmouth,

*Transferred courses on the UMass Dartmouth transcript designated as "No Rule" may be transferable; however, these courses must be evaluated by the **relevant** academic departments to determine course equivalency. Once this process is complete, the transcript will be updated. Students may be asked to submit course descriptions **and/or course syllabi** from previous institutions to expedite this process.*

Other credits that may be applied to the degree include applicable transfer credits, advanced placement, and/or CLEP credits.

This modification was created to make the transfer process more transparent and less wordy. The website is being modified to reflect a recruitment focus.

Motion carried.

11. Announcements

- Please send the names of volunteers for the University Writing Committee to G. O'Rielly.

- Please send the names of volunteers for the *ad hoc* Calendar Committee to G. O’Rielly.
- A. Fowler announced that there would be a 3-minute thesis competition on May 20 in the main auditorium. Graduate students will explain their theses in 3 minutes or less and compete for \$1,000, \$500 and \$300 dollar prizes.
- Chancellor MacCormack is again concerned that the Constitution for the Faculty Senate be approved by the Board of Trustees who claim that they do not read the Board of Trustees and UMass Faculty Federation Local 1895 contract before they vote on it and therefore have not voted on the Senate constitution in it.

If the constitution were to be approved, it would need the approval of the faculty here, the Chancellor, the UMass legal counsel and finally the Board of Trustees.

12. J. Riley moved and R. Golen seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Leclair,
Secretary