

Minutes – September 23, 2010

Present:

Bacdayan, P.	Boerth, D.	Carreiro, E.	Du, C.	Fan, Q.	Gibbs, P.	Golen, R.
Kim, Y.	Knauer, L.	Langley, K.	Leclair, S.	Leffers, J.	Li, Y.	Mollo, A.
O’Rielly, G.	Riley, J.	Roscoe, D.	Scarano, F.	Sousa, F.	Tandon, A.	Wang, C.
Wang, S.	White, S.					

Absent

Altabet, M.	Anderson, M.	Bergandy, J.	Berube, .B	Brodeur L.	Cheng, L.	Curran, C.
Darst, R.	Fields, K.	Guo, M.	Hedegus, S.	Holloway, M	Karakaya, F.	Magrass, Y
Mateti, R.	McCurry, M.	Mendes, V.	Parayitam, S.	Plaw, A.	Puri, T.	Scott, S.
Sibdari, S.	Singh, B.	Sousa, F.	Sun , L	Zuo, Y.		

Excused:

Baum, M. Griffith, J. Ordoobadi, S. Peterson, S.

Guests:

Arruda, J.	Avedikian, C.	Bergeron, D.	Blitefield, J.	Dias, P.	Hausknecht, A.
LaGrassa, M.	McLaughlin, D.		Mitchell, W.		

1. P. Gibbs moved and D. Roscoe seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 2010 meeting. A comment from a faculty member at the Law School was included that he believed that the statement concerning the ABA acceptability of the law school curriculum was too strong.
2. G. O’Rielly welcomed everyone and explained that the transition from last year to this year was a bit bumpy but that things would even out. If anyone had suggestions or wanted to volunteer, please see him.
3. P. Gibbs reported that the UMass Worcester campus received a \$20 million grant for clinical land translational research. There is an advisory committee comprised of members from each campus working with small groups of alumni to XXXXX. The Committee of Academic and Student Affairs(CASA) is developing training new employees to broaden people’s view from the individual campus to a more system-wide approach. This will strengthen the intercampus and interdepartmental activities. The Administration and Finance Committee is committing moneys for library upgrades, energy & water quality, upgrades and alternative energy production as well as a new academic building on the Dartmouth campus.
4. A. Garro again welcomed everyone to the new academic year. H encouraged all those who are interested to join the intercampus life science collaborative. Joining this will allow faculty access to additional grant sources and encourage cooperation among the campuses. He will be publishing a monthly newsletter related to Academic affairs and it will be posted on the provost’s office. This newsletter will allow for electronic distribution of lengthy material such as the NEASC review.

He listed the twelve faculty who retired last year and spoke of the addition of the law school faculty and thirty-two new faculty on this campus. They hired an Associate Vice Chancellor

for Enrollment Management, Teresa Mauk and a Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Michael Lynch.

The Endeavor Scholarships will be given to foster leadership among women and minority students.

Enrollment is down by 250 students from our goal and that equals a loss of \$2 million dollars. Our current retention rate is approximately 74% but should be in the 80% range. There will be student surveys sent to students who were accepted but declined to attend in order to help define what in the academic programs or social activities, etc. were factors in the decision process. Additional surveys will go to students who are transferring out to clarify what factors played roles in their decision making.

5. D. Roscoe reported that the General Education Task Force is meeting every other week and will be previewing the new draft outcomes of general education. Listing some structures by which these would be delivered will be coming this year. This process needs to reflect a campus-wide approach to the general education curriculum and has consequences for resources and implementation issues.
6. J. Riley reported that the Best Practices for online testing are available on the website and to all faculty currently using MyCourses. Currently under development are Best Practices for quality and evaluation issues. Since online/ blended/ enhanced courses vary so greatly, practices may be appropriate at the department or college level.

The software, Blackboard Vista, will no longer be supported by 2013. UMass Online has established a review committee to investigate alternate software. This fall, they will gather information and in the spring evaluate providers for an August 2011 decision. Self nominations can be made for membership to the learning Management review Committee which will develop and implement surveys, focus groups, etc. The Instructional Development team of T. Russo, D. Gatenby and J. Riley will be leading this effort at UMD.

7. C. Avedikian reported on the upcoming rally to Defend Public Higher Education sponsored by PHENOM. Between 2005-2009, the state colleges and university saw a 13% drop in financial support from the Commonwealth. An additional cut of 12% happened in 2010 alone. The rally will start with a walk across the state along route 9 to increase awareness about the needs for public higher education.

Bus transportation courtesy of the UMass Faculty Federation will be available at the flags at 11:00 am on October 7th. After the rally at the State House, attendees will be able to lobby their Senators and Representatives. If you have not already, please consider joining PHENOM. You name your own dues,

8. M. LaGrassa spoke to the recent issue of the FILP computers and usage. It is the responsibility of all users of resources to safeguard university assets. There are internal inconsistencies in

the forms that are currently in use and these need to be corrected. It was agreed that computers being used off campus for work related activities and on campus are not being used irresponsibly. He asked that faculty help in reviewing and correcting the forms in order to make the policies more clearly define responsibilities. One suggestion was to put some best practices on the policy sheet. Another suggestion is to allow faculty who are concerned with the agreement form that suggests faculty are responsible for replacement costs to sign a modified form that says faculty may be responsible for replacement costs.

A concern was raised that it is hard to safeguard anything when faculty offices are not safe and there is no confidence that the university can make them safe.

9. Dean Terrance Burton explained the overview of the upcoming renovations to the Carney Library. There will be an additional 26,000 square feet of space and all 6 floors of the library will be updated. On October 13th at noon in the library browsing area, there will be an architect's presentation. There will also be a website devoted to the project. The current plan calls for completion in fall 2012.

As a consequence, the collection will be shifted and portions of it will be stored and unavailable until project completion. 100,000 volumes will be kept in circulation. Essentially anything that was checked out in the last 5 years will be maintained. Faculty are asked to send lists of necessary material to their library liaisons. The interlibrary loan partners and other compact members have been notified and will accommodate the increased requests. It will perhaps require faculty to have a longer lead time to check out or borrow materials.

10. G. O'Rielly will appoint an *ad hoc* Calendar Committee to evaluate the possibility of going to a 13-week semester instead of the current 14 week semester. The report of this committee will be due in December.
11. The following faculty were selected by Greek Ballot to participate in review of 3 Centers;

Boivin Center

Prof. Irene Scharf	Law School
Prof. Deborah Carlson	Artisanry

Center for Molecular Diagnostics

Prof. Joan Kellerman	English
Elizabeth Winiarz	Library

Center for Portuguese Studies & Culture

Prof. Louis Goodman	SMAST
Prof. Kenneth Manning	Political Science

12. P. Gibbs moved and F. Scarano seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Leclair, Secretary