

Faculty Senate
November 15, 2011

Present:	M. Altabet C. Du M. Hall A. Mollo	M. Baum Q. Fan P. Karimi J. Paraskeva	D. Boerth P. Gibbs Y. Kim S. White	Y. Chen R. Golen S. Leclair E. Winiarz	R. Darst J. Griffith Y. Li J. Wia
Excused:	M. Anderson D. Roscoe	E. Carreiro F. Scarano	S. Hegedus A. Tandon	G. O'Rielly	S. Peterson
Absent:	C. Barrow A. Hausknecht W. LeBlanc M. McCurry F. Sousa	L. Brodeur K. Langley S. Ordoobadi L. Sun	K. Fields F. Karakaya J. Leffers T. Puri C. Wang	A. Gunasekaran S. Kim Y. Magrass J. Riley S. Wang	L. Knauer S. Sibdari Y. Zuo
Guests:	P. Bacayan A. Garro	J. Bronstad R. Panofsky	T. Burton R. Pegnetter	M. Carrera	A. Fowler

M. Baum called the meeting to order.

1. R Golen moved and A. Mollo seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as posted on the website. Motion carried.
2. President's Report M. Baum
Please send all comments about the search for a new Chancellor to members of the Search Committee. The Senate is reminded that the President's office chose the members of this committee.
3. Provost's Report A. Garro
The ABA site visit for provisional accreditation seemed to go well. There were two minor issues. One concerned a textual issue in the M.O.U. and the second concerned specific tenure and promotion guidelines. Neither seems significant. The campus aims to have the concerns dealt with by January prior to the committee writing their report. From the committee, the report will go to several other committees with an official reply in August.

The next review will be of SEPPCE by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This will occur during the end of November /beginning of December. The last review by this agency was not a good one.
4. Old Business

Joy Hadley is away and will be present at the next meeting to reply to the concerns raised in September.

There is a new procedure for the use of the grade "I". This applies to undergraduates only.

5. New Business

The Provost's Office wished to require that all "change of grade" reports must be approved by the Department Chair and the Dean before entry onto a student's transcript. Approximately 300 out of 45,000 grades are changed each semester. Some of them appear to be changed simply to keep foreign students in this country. It appears that this is a problem for one or two departments. D. Boerth moved and S. Leclair seconded a motion to refer this procedure to the SFAAC for review and recommendation. Motion failed.

P. Bacdayan reported that the Budget Review Board is still trying to get the budget data in a useable form. There will be a new structure of several exhibits that are hoped to relate the big picture with specific breakout items.

The Strategic Plan for International Program was highlighted. Discussion and motions will occur at the December meeting.

S. Leclair asked, in the light of the recent situation at Penn State in which people were fired because they followed the law and did nothing further, that the campus develop some type of educational material that would be available to all employees answering the following questions:

1. Since the Massachusetts law requires the reporting of abuse occurring to children, the disabled and elderly, do we need to do anything if we suspect abuse of one of our students?
2. If we are to notify the police, which police – the campus police, the Dartmouth police, the state police? Does it matter if the suspected abuse did not happen here?
3. If we are to notify someone on campus, who and when – before / during / after contacting the police?

J. Griffith moved and R. Golen seconded a motion to refer this to the Steering Committee for conversation with the administration. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Susan J. Leclair