

Faculty Senate  
December 21, 2011

Present:	M. Anderson R. Golen F. Karakaya M. McCurry F. Scarano	D. Boerth J. Griffith K. Langley A. Mollo A. Tandon	E. Carreiro M. Guo W. LeBlanc S. Parayitam S. Wang	C. Du A. Hausknecht S. Leclair S. Peterson S. White	P. Gibbs S. Hegedus J. Leffers J. Riley E. Winiarz
Absent:	M. Altabet K. Fields Y. Kim J. Paraskeva C. Wang	C. Barrow L. Forker L. Knauer T. Puri	M. Baum A. Gunasekaran Y. Li S. Soheil Y. Zuo	Y. Chen M. Hall Y. Magrass F. Sousa	Q. Fan S. Kim S. Ordoobadi L. Sun
Excused:	L. Brodeur	J. Bronstad	Y. Chen	D. Roscoe	J. Wu
Guests:	C. Aguiar C. Leadbetter D. McLaughlin R. Peck	P. Bacdayan M. Goodman A. Miraglia R. Pegnetter	J. Fain S. Lohrenz W. Mitchell S. Scott	J. Farrington D. Lynch T. Mauk A. Tio	A. Garro J. McGurl-Hadley L. Nickerson

1. J. Griffith moved and S. Peterson seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

2. President's Report G. O'Rielly  
- An article in defense of the relevance of universities will be distributed.

Provost's Report A. Garro  
- Comm. Freeland of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education wants to have each college and university collect outcomes from various outcome measures and combine to form a single number value so that he can compare one against the other.  
- Comm. Freeland also wants to know if the University will be part of the LEAP (*Liberal Education and American's Promise*) system of secondary and collegiate improvement. At present there are 7 seven states that are involved and no universities. The UMass systems has some difficulties with some of the stated outcomes so no decision has been made.  
- Three faculty have been recognized as NSF Career Scientists: Nima Rahbar of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Shandra Orrill of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and Erin Bromage of Biology.  
- The Provost expressed his thanks for the past 5.5 years.

Board of Trustees Report P. Gibbs  
- Mardee Xifaras is a member of the CASA.  
- President Caret discussed his program to have the Legislature increase funding for classroom support from 45% to 50% as a good selling point.  
- The Board of Trustees approved our request for the creation of a Graduate Senate.

- The Board of Trustees approved the transfer of the federal property in New Bedford to SMAST.
- Advancement will be reaching out to alumni and staff to increase financial support.
- The Governance Committee, chaired by James Karam, oversees operations and officers.
- Trustee Furman (UMD graduate) will be chairing a committee on academic efficiency, paralleling work on administrative efficiency.
- In light of the recent furor over his retirement package, the Board will be evaluating J. Wilson's salary.
- The two Chancellor Searches are on schedule.
- The Vice President for Administration/Finance, David Gray, will be leaving to work at Penn State.

Intercampus Faculty Council

P. Gibbs

- The IFC believes insufficient attention is being given to support good programs.
- We need to have a clear definition of the relationship between the University system and the state colleges. What are the rules concerning cross listed courses, course taught by different faculty, etc.

3. Old Business

- Strategic Plan for International Programs  
M. Anderson moved and S. Peterson seconded a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan. Motion carried.
- PCE Response to earlier questions  
After discussions between M. Goodman and J. McGurl-Hadley, it was determined that the alignment of registration and the improvement in marketing actions after consultation with Directors of Programs are good steps forward. Other issues (student payments, enforcement of academic requisites, online payment capability, etc.) were not settled and both sides will continue to not reach agreement.

M. Goodman asked that the Steering Committee put the issue of oversight of degree programs on the agenda for next semester.

4. New Business

- Review of Open House T. Mauk
  - Several changes were instituted this year to increase the number of students applying to UMD. One focus was on the "undecided" students. Another was to have multiple days to allow students with scheduling issues to attend. More students have applied. Next year the first of these activities will occur later in October since high school seniors don't necessarily think about college in early September/October. More information will also be targeted to high school juniors.

- P. Bacadayan from the Admissions Committee reported on the development of new ways to have faculty interact with high school teachers and guidance counselors since the teachers have a significant impact on the choice of colleges for their better students. The committee will be looking at what type of marketing might be appropriate for each department.
  
- MapWorks Report M. Carrera
  - In 2010, we had a 70.1% retention rate and this fall with the additional activities and Mapworks process, we are currently looking at a 74.1% retention which is significant. Our goal is 80%; the national average is near 75%.
  
- Budget Review Board W. LeBlanc
  - Currently the Board is meeting monthly.
  - The budget will be put online beginning in January. The first items to go up will be a compressed version that will allow comparison with the last 5 years budgets.
  - There will be a hot link to ask questions that will be answered.
  - Beginning this fiscal year, the campus will be using a Strategic Budget process (similar to zero based budgeting). The pilot departments are Administration and Finance, and perhaps the Charlton College of Business.
  
- A question from a faculty member concerned the application of the new change of grade format approved last month for this semester. Can it be applied retroactively since no syllabi would have it.. The Provost's office will issue a statement concerning this.

5. Adjourn

R. Golen moved and W. LeBlanc seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Leclair, Secretary