

Faculty Senate
Minutes
March 29, 2012

Present:	M. Baum A. Hausknecht S. Leclair A. Tandon	Y. Chen P. Karimi Y. Li C. Wang	C. Du Y. Kim A. Mollo S. White	P. Gibbs L. Knauer S. Parayitam E. Winiarz	J. Griffith K Langley S. Sousa	M Guo
Excused:	M. Anderson A. Gunasekaran F. Scarano	D. Boerth J. Wu	L. Brodeur W. LeBlanc	C. Carreiro S. Peterson	Q. Fan D Roscoe	R.Golen
Absent:	M. Altabet S. Hegedus S. Ordoobadi Y Zuo	C. Barrow F. Karahaya J. Paraskeva	R. Dars t S. Kim T. Puri	K. Fields J. Leffers S. Sibdari	L. Forker Y. Magrass L. Sun	M. Hall S.Wang
Guest:	P. Bacdayan T Mauk S. Scott	T. Boone J. McGuirl-Hadley	T. Burton	K. Fater V. Mendes	D. Manke R.Pegnetter	

1. K.Kangley moved and A Hausknecht seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting. A typogoraphical error was noted. Present was E. Winiarz not W. Winaiaz. Motion carried.

2. President's Report G. O'Reilly
- Meetings will be held for the candidates for Chancellor. Please attend the meetings and feel out the forms for comments.
 - Nominations for the position of interim Dean of the College of Arts and Science should be filed by Friday.
 - The Search for the Dean of the Law School is progressing. The Search for the CCB Dean is also moving to a conclusion.
 - The website of the Office of Undergraduate Research has additional information for faculty use.
 - The discussion on PCE policies continues to be tabled. The review of UMass Online will be released next week.
 - The discussion concerning Administrative Streamlining will be on the agenda in April.
 - There will be elections to the Faculty Senate and Senate Steering Committee in April/May.

3. Admissions Committee P. Bacdayan
- The committee is investigating the history and policies, procedures for the committee and looking to strengthen input of faculty ideas and roles. Any suggestions and/or observations should be forwarded to him. Policies need to be upgraded and the evaluation of things that work as well as those that do not needs to be performed

Idea that have been raised so far:

1. put most personable people up front.
2. network with high school teachers and guidance counselors
3. develop a compelling "this is UMD traveling show."

We need to gather data from deans and faculty who actively recruit students. We need to inventory data sources and make that data more accessible. Finally, we need to analyze of actions to target initiatives.

A current assessment is that

1. The number of college age students is decreasing. This causes us to compete more in the general marketplace which includes community colleges (cheaper, closer to home, etc) or institutions with better aid structures. Since we cannot compete on cost alone, we need to be more in other areas.
2. In 2005 our yield was 34%. In 2010 it was 20% so the question is where did the 15% go? How does financial aid affect this?
3. We have data from student satisfaction surveys but have not yet compared satisfaction against the
 - various colleges
 - faculty interaction
 - food service
 - dorms
 - etc.
4. Retention data T. Silva
Current data for a 3 year period is available for 1 year retention and 6 year graduation rates. Students who leave a department – even if they remain on campus – are treated as a loss but students who enter a major by transfer from another department on campus are not treated as a gain.

College Now students are difficult to follow because of the delay in choosing majors.

The target for retention (returning for the second year in the same department) is 80%. Currently we are at 74% with a 3 year range of 70-80% The national average is 52%. Graduation goals are 55% graduation in 6 eyars.

A large problem is the issue of the undeclared students.

5. Greek Ballot for The Evaluation Committee for the proposal from the Women and Gender Studies minor to become a department and offer a major.
Catherine Kelly – Business Allan Thompson – CVPA
Paul Fortier – ECE (Alternate)

6. Intermediate Writing

T. Boone

This can be outsourced or a department may choose to do this themselves. This 3-credit can be spread across courses. The issue is one of resources. K. Langley moved and J Riley seconded a motion to adopt the Intermediate writing policy for University Studies. Motion carried.

7. Clery Act and Security

E. Floravanti

Each campus must collect, count and classify crimes on campus. We must also give timely warning. A campus security authority (CSA) is someone you report a crime to. Most often these are people in housing, judicial or out of classroom advising situations. So a faculty advisor to a club could be a CSA. IF you are not sure of your position, please report anything suspicious to the police. There is a handbook for campus safety and security printed in February 2011 on the website. If you are interested in learning more about CSA, there is online training that can be taken at any time.

8. A. Hausknecht moved and S. Leclair seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan J. Leclair
Secretary