

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting May 9, 2012

Present:	M. Anderson	D. Boerth	C. Du	Q. Fan	L. Forker
	P. Gibbs	R. Golen	J. Griffith	 A. Hausknecht 	P. Karimi
	Y. Kim	K. Langley	W. LeBlanc	S. Leclair	J. Li
	A. Mollo	J. Riley	S. Scarano	F. Sousa	C. Wang
	S. Wang	S. White	W. Winiarz	J. Wu	
Absent:	M. Altabet	C. Barrow	M. Baum	L. Brodeur	R. Darst
	K. Fields	A. Gunasekaran	M. Guo	M. Hall	F. Karakaya
	S. Kim	L.Knauer	J. Leffers	Y. Magrass	S. Ordoobadi
	J. Paraskeva	T. Puri	S. Sibdari	L. Sun	Y. Zuo
Excused:	E. Carreiro S. Peterson	L. Chen A. Tandon	S. Hegedus	M.McCurry	S. Parayitam
Guests:	P.Bacdayan T. Mauk	D. Bergeron R. Pegnetter	T Burton L. Presto	W. Hogan S. Scott	J.MacCormack A. Tió

- 1. President O'Rielly called the meeting to order.
- 2. The following faculty have been granted Professor Emeritus/a status:

Dorothy Bergeron Steven Leon
David Goodson Gary Martin
Christopher Gusten Sonja Peterson
William Hogan William Sylveira
Kenneth Langley Michael Taylor
Jeanne Leffers

- R. Golen moved and W. LeBlanc seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the March Senate meeting. Motion carried.
- 3. The following were nominated for officer and Steering Committee membership:

Grant O'Reilly President

S.Leclair moved and W. LeBlanc seconded a motion to close nominations and direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of Grant O'Rielly as President. Motion carried.

Ric Golen Business Council
Steven Hegedus Graduate Council
Jen Riley Humanities Council
Susan Leclair Science Council
Douglas Roscoe Social Science Council

Arlene Mollo Visual & Performing Arts Council

Paige Gibbs and Elizabeth Winiarz Library Council

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An election was held in the matter of the Library Council representative and Paige Gibbs was elected.

J. Griffith moved and J. Riley seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the remaining positions that were not contested. Motion carried.

The position of Steering Committee representatives from the Engineering and Nursing Councils will be filled at a later time.

P Gibbs explained the role of the representative from the campus to the Board of Trustees and to the Intercampus Faculty Council. We need to appoint an alternate for a one-year term.

4. Provost's report

John Farrington

- He thanked Jean MacCormack for the honor of appointing him as Provost of his Alma Mater and asked that we recognize the Chancellor as she leaves the campus.

Chancellor MacCormack stated that she had been honored to be Chancellor at UMD. We have all learned new things and shared aspirations. We overcame difficulties (not enough money) by creativity and hard work.

She hoped that our mission to grant access to eligible students would remain strong. She is hoping for ABA provisional accreditation shortly. This year there will be groundbreaking at the Massachusetts Accelerator Facility in Fall River, and the SMAST extension as well as the renovations of the science laboratories.

Thank you.

5. President's Report

Grant O'Rielly

The Steering Committee met with Dr. Grossman. It was a good meeting and we will be meeting with her during the summer. She has been invited to address the Senate in the fall.

A Constitution and Bylaws separate from the Board of Trustees/Faculty Federation will be developed to present to the Senate and then to the general faculty for a vote of adoption. This has been asked by the University administration. Apparently the trustees never knew we had a Constitution and Bylaws since they do not read the contract they vote to accept. Unlike the clause in the Master Agreement, this Constitution and Bylaws will have to be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to implementation.

6. Library Matthew Sylvain

There will be a delay in the completion of the library renovation as an unknown storage tank was found during the excavation of the addition. This needed to be removed as it affected serials storage space.

During this year, there was \$276,000 worth of requests for new acquisitions. The survey of journal usage resulted in a \$90,000 savings.

Continuing discussions include additional surveys, the issue of online versus physical journal and book formats, and the use of library liaisons.

7. University Studies

Thomas Boone

The review/acceptance process is ongoing. The process is almost complete so we should have enough seats/courses for incoming freshmen.

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8. Admissions Committee

Paul Bacdayan

(see attached materials)

The number 1 response to the first year student surveys is satisfaction with the individual's major. This year we need to ask what aspects of the major are satisfactory.

We need to evaluate if we are doing all that we to attract highly qualified students.

- ? target select student populations?
- ? develop more attractive (to them) opportunities to know the campus/programs
- ? develop a more pro-active network with high school teachers/guidance counselors
- ? make the undergraduate teaching the number one mission of the campus

Please red the materials and return comments to PBacdayan.@umassd.edu

9. Announcements

On Study Day, there will be an end of the year gathering at 3:00 m in the Faculty Dining Room. Please come for some conversation and refreshments,

10. R. Golen moved and S. White seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Leclair, Secretary