



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2012

- Present:** P.Bacdayan D. Boerth E. Carreiro Y. Chen C. Du
P. Friedman J. Griffith M. Hall A. Hausknecht S. Hyun
P. Karimi S. Kim C. Larkosh S.Leclair J. Li
M. McCurry V. Mendes A. Narayan G. O’Rielly J. Paraskeva D. Roscoe
S. Schireson F.Sousa S. Spencer C. Wang S. White E. Winiarz
J. Wu
- Excused:** M. Anderson M. Baum L. Brodeur L. Forker P. Gibbs
A. Gunasekaran S. Hegedus Y. Kim L. Knauer
R. Laoulache A. Mollo
- Absent:** C. Barrow J.Blitefield R. Darst R. Golen M.Guo F.Karakaya
Y. Magrass V.Mendes S. Ordoobadi S. Parayitam E.Peteva A. Tandon
C. Wang
- Guests:** ML. Bllek T. Bruen T. Burton M. Carrera J. Farrington
S. Krumholz D. Massano T. Mauk E. Ojadi R. Pegnetter J. Riley

1. J. Griffith moved and D. Boerth seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as distributed. Motion carried
2. President’s Report G. O’Rielly
 - There will be a video on student debt sponsored by PHENOM on October 17th at 6-8 pm. There will be a panel discussion following the video.
 - A news item of interest is that courses from edX or Coursera will be accepted as courses for general education by the University of Texas system.
 - M. McCurry has agreed to serve as the Nursing Council’s representative on the Steering Committee. There being no other nominees, the Secretary cast one vote electing Mary McCurry as a member of the Steering Committee. Nominees were solicited for the Humanities Council Representative.
 - The administration communicated to the NEASC team of 2010 that there was confusion between the roles of the Senate and Federation. The Board of Trustees decided that UMass Dartmouth needed to have as separate constitution to be in line with the other campuses.

A draft Constitution is being distributed today. Comments, suggestions, rewrites, and edits are requested. The tentative plan is to vote on a draft at the November meeting, have a faculty plebiscite in December and forward this to the Board in time to meet Chancellor McCormack's deadline.

Please forward all thoughts to GORielly@umassd.edu

- Items of immediate concern were :
 - the definition of shared governance with specifics regarding the role of the Senate and Administration;
 - we need a clear voice in the development and implementation of academic policy;
 - the requirement of a specific number of students on certain committees;
 - the possibility of a standard free time for committee meetings;
 - the need to clarify the authority of the Senate – perhaps using the Wellman document as a framework;
 - the effectiveness of the faculty share of planning and decision making
 - need for flexibility for the senate
 - a way to make sure that recommendations from the senate are implemented

3. NEASC visit M. Carrera

- Background material for the upcoming visit by Edward Kavanagh and Susan Richter on October 23rd is available on line. There will be a summary report at a public meeting on the morning of the 24th.

4. Campus Update J. Farrington

- The Chancellor could not be here due to a special meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- The Chancellor is interested in developing a Strategic Plan projecting to 2017 that will be tied to an updated Facilities Master Plan. The planning process will begin this upcoming semester. The process will include participation from faculty, staff and students.
- Currently there is an ongoing assessment of space (classroom, laboratory, studio, office, etc.) with a clear delineation of quality and quantity of space.
- There will be search for a new Provost who will be asked to fit into the philosophy of the new Strategic plan, not want to change it.

5. Campus Open House T. Mauk
- The first open house of the fall will be on Sunday, October 20 beginning at 10:00. The Chancellor will welcome approximately 900 prospective students and family members in the auditorium. There will be breakout sessions and display table for those students unsure of their major.
 - The November 10th open house will be larger and the opening session will be in the Tripp Athletic Center.
6. Email Addresses D.Massano
- CITS is working to develop a mechanism by which people can change their user name from the one they had while an undergraduate student or before they were married or divorced. She was asked for continual reports until this is complete.
7. University Studies D.Roscoe
- Deadlines for submission of courses requesting University Studies designation
1C – November
5A – February
 - Assessment of previously designated courses will begin soon.
 - Track It – the online advising program – has a new face but contains old errors.
8. P. Bacdayan moved and S. White seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Leclair, Ph.D., CLS(NCA)
Secretary