



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2012

**Present:** P. Bacdayan J. Blitefield D. Boerth E. Carreiro Y. Chen  
 C. Du P. Friedman P. Gibbs R. Golen J. Griffith M. Hall  
 A. Hausknecht S. Hyun P. Karimi C. Larkosh W. LeBlanc  
 S. Leclair J. Li M. McCurry V. Mendes A. Mollo A. Narayan  
 G. O’Rielly S. Ordoobadi J. Paraskeva S. Spencer A. Tandon E. Winiarz

**Excused:** M. Baum L. Brodeur E. Carreiro L. Forker S. Kim S. Schireson  
 C. Wang S. White

**Absent:** M. Anderson C. Barrow R. Darst A. Gunasekaran M. Guo  
 F. Karakaya Y. Kim L. Knauer R. Laoulache Y. Magrass J. Paraskeva  
 E. Peteva D. Roscoe F. Souda S. Wang

**Guests:** J. Bisagni T. Burton K. Dixon A. Fowler K. Gromlig D. Grossman  
 J. Hoey D. Manke D. McLaughlin D. Milstone L. Pesto  
 R. Pegnetter W. Skinner S. Sousa P. Walsh B. Weatherford  
 A. Wilkinson

1. J. Griffith moved and D. Boerth seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as corrected.  
Motion carried
  
2. President’s Report G. O’Rielly
  - The American Council on Education is considering the possibility of approving courses from Consera and/or EdX. These would be remedial or general education courses. The issue which may come to the Senate in the future is what should the campus’ position on the acceptability of these courses be?
  
  - Another item for future discussion is how to define and evaluate the quality of outside classroom experience in a way that will make sense to incoming students.
  
  - Next semester there will be a search for a new Provost, the development of a Strategic plan for the campus and a master plan for the campus facilities. In addition we will be working on the Senate Constitution. Concerning the Constitution, at least 3 different versions and many single item suggestions have

been submitted. Single item topics included issues of course approval or departmental approvals. In a meeting with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, the NEASC representative stated that he thought the original timeline was too tight for an effective discussion of a proposed constitution. A group will evaluate these and try to coalesce material into a form suitable for presentation in February. Volunteers should submit their names to the President. A. Hausknecht moved and D. Boerth seconded a motion to create such a committee. Motion carried.

3. Board of Trustees Meeting

P. Gibbs

- There was a special meeting in October to orient the new Trustees. Most of the information was about finances and short-range goals. There is to be an 8% loan cap for all campuses. Items of interest also includes internship, growth in the undergraduate enrollment, undergraduate research, and other means of financial support . Additional materials have been posted on the website.
- UMass Amherst is building anew Athletics Building, a new science and research building and is increasing out of state student enrollments.
- UMass Boston is working on the repair of the service and academic buildings. The utilities must be totally rebuilt. They are also planning to take over the use of the Boston Expo center.
- UMass Lowell is developing a new building to handle the increased enrollment. They are concentrating on branding the heritage of the Merrimack Valley Industrial Revolution. They are looking to increase the ethnic diversity of the student body.
- UMass Worcester is looking to maintain and increase its already very high rankings among medical schools.
- Tomorrow S. White will attend a meeting on the report of the task force looking at increasing efficiency.

4. Campus Update

- D, Massano is ill and will report on the issue of the email name usage at the next meeting.
- P Bacdayan brought the proposed charge for the Admissions Committee to the Senate. There will be monthly reports on its progress. R. Golen moved and A. Hausknecht seconded a motion to adopt the proposed charge for the Admissions Committee. Motion carried.

5. Fiscal review

D. McLaughlin/L.Pesto

- D.McLaughlin and L. Pesto explained the current fiscal status of the campus. They answered questions from the senators. They asked for ideas to remedy the shortfall. Items already thought of include increasing student undergraduate enrollment, particularly concentration on out of state or out of country students and increasing the number of online courses.

6. There was a discussion of the upcoming Hindu Festival on campus.

7. P. Bacdayan moved and J. Griffith seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary