



September 24, 2012

- Present: P.Bacdayan C. Barrow J.Blitefield D. Boerth Y. Chen C. Du  
P. Friedman P. Gibbs J. Griffith A. Gunasekaran M.Guo  
A. Hausknecht F.Karakaya P. Karimi C. Larkosh S.Leclair  
A. Mollo G. O’Rielly J. Paraskeva S. Parayitam S. Schireson F.Sousa  
S. Spencer A. Tandon C. Wang E. Winiarz J. Wu
- Excused: M. Anderson M. Baum E. Carreiro R. Laoulache A. Narayan S. White
- Absent: L. Brodeur R. Darst L. Forker R. Golen M. Hall S. Hegedus  
S. Kim Y. Kim L. Knauer J. Li Y. Magrass V.Mendes  
S. Ordoobadi E.Petevaq D. Roscoe S. Wang
- Guests: T. Burton J. Farrington A. Fowler D. Milstone D. MacLaughlin  
S.Macrine R. Peck R. Pegnetter R. Peltz-Steele  
F.. Scarano S. Scott M. Scudellari-Presto S. Sousa A. Tio

1. President G. O’Rielly welcomed everyone back and extended an official welcome form the Senate to Chancellor Grossman. He listed the library reconstruction and the commuter cafeteria reconstruction and reminded faculty to have lunch in the University Club.
2. J. Griffith moved and A. Mollo seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.
3. President’s report G. O’Rielly
  - Two vacancies on the Steering Committee (Nursing and Humanities) will be filled via appointment after discussion by the Steering Committee.
  - In order for the requested Constitution to be ready for a vote of the UMass Board of Trustees in February, a draft will be distributed in October for a vote of the Senate in November After that there will be a plebiscite in December and transmittal to the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee of the Board.
  - There will be a focused NEASC visit in November. They will be looking for progress on the Senate Constitution and the evaluation form. A question regarding the contract supremacy over working conditions was answered that the new Constitution will not supervene or be in contradiction to the contract.

4. BOT/Intercampus Faculty Council Representative

P. Gibbs

- Steven White volunteered to serve as the alternate for the year.
- The June BOT meeting was held in Dartmouth with the most controversial issue that of raising student fees – which was done.
- As of January, the new Chair will be Henry Thomas III, the vice-Chair will be Ruben King-Shaw and the chair of CAASA will be Alyce Lee.
- The Intercampus Faculty Council is looking into aspect of online education including learning assessment. Many documents are available on the website.

5. Law School

- Richard Peltz-Steele was introduced as the Chair of the Law Academic Council. He then introduced Sean Spencer as the member of the Senate from the Law School.

6. Provost's Report

J. Farrington

- There will be an open campus meeting with the Chancellor. She is currently working on fine tuning the budget
- During the summer, the ABA granted the Law School probationary status. Work for the full accreditation is ongoing.
- The online portion of PCE will now report to the Provost's office. There will be a task force developed to develop a single point of entry, application, registration, etc, for day and evening students. M. Carrera will be leading this activity. She will be using information from the Senate's discussions last year.
- The budget is being evaluated to determine if it is possible to return more moneys to the schools and colleges.
- Bruce Rose, Dick Panofsky and Lou Petrovic have retired. An inventory of duties and activities is being done. For the short term, Alex Fowler will be taking over Lou Petrovic's duties.
- Joanne Litke will be moving to oversee finance of academic planning but will continue for while to do grants administration.
- Centers have not been forwarding their annual reports to the President's office. There will be a new schedule for the review of centers at the order of the President's

Office. This review will include exploration of the mission of the center is relevant to today's mission of the university.

- Classes held in 226, 227, and 288 will be evaluated to determine if time changes or room changes are necessary due to the construction noise. Limiting the construction work will necessitate a longer time during which the work will be occurring. Parents, students and faculty have complained about the noise and disruption.
- There will be a Space, Facilities and Planning Task Force to develop a preventative maintenance schedule. Michael Hayes from Facilities, Magali Carrera & Alex Fowler from the Provost's office as well as student, faculty and staff will be working to answer if we are effectively using studio, class room, laboratory, office, research space. It
- Moneys for the updating of laboratory equipment is being planned.
- There will be a focused NEASC meeting in October to look at the law school, course evaluation and the Senate constitution. The team will be here on October 22 o October 24. There will be an open faculty meeting but the schedule is not yet firm. Documents will be available online by next Friday. Since course evaluations are part of working condition, there was a question about the role of the Faculty Federation in the process.

7. Enrollment Management

T. Mauk

- There will be open houses and specific events for accepted students, Last year's applications were up for both transfer and freshmen. Overall we increased student attendance by 24 freshmen and 35 transfers when compared to this time last year. The SAT result increased from 1069 to 1084 and the average GPA rose from 3.0 to 3.2 We are recruiting from 1 college fairs, over 45 high school visits in New England. There will an increase to 28% diversity. Open Houses will be 10/20 and 11/10.
- Can plans be shared with faculty? We need to have a consistent branding image and message.
- Information from the student success programs will be used to develop interactions to encourage good students to apply.

8. Greek Ballot for Center Reviews:

Dwight Duncan and Catherine Smilan – Center for Rehabilitative Engineering  
Alan Hirshfeld and Miles Sundermeyer - ATMC  
Amy Shapiro and Kenneth Oliveira - Center for Labor Education

9. New Business

- J. Griffith described an issue concerning emails. It is the University's policy that a person can receive only one email address so
  - a. if you were once a student here and received the old U\_ account address assignment, you will never get a faculty name address and your students /colleagues/strangers will be sending email to you as U\_.
  - b. if you were once one last name and for reasons of marriage, divorce, religious conversion, etc. changed your last name, you will not be allowed to use the new name in your email.
  - c. your email address is the key for all historical material – undergraduate and graduate transcripts, employee information, research or other funding, etc. making this information all too easily available to the unauthorized .

He requested that the Senate forward this concern to the University administration as an open action of disrespect to women in particular and former students and asked that someone from CITS from to discuss the matter at another Senate meeting. The Provost will investigate this.

- Announcements

The Working Waterfront festival and Open Studio weekend for local artists will be this weekend.

There will be an on-campus tribute to Nobel Peace Prize nominee and UMass Dartmouth Professor emeritus Gene Sharp. On October 11-12.

Noam Chomsky will present a lecture "On the state, democracy and *public* education: on December 4 in Woodland Commons at 5:00 pm. This is sponsored by the Department of Educational Leadership

Attending today's meeting is Dean MaryLou Bllek from UMass School of Law.

10. A. Hausknecht moved and P. Friedman seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.