

## Faculty Senate Minutes 11/17/16

Members Present: Donald Boerth, Tom Boone, Dario Borim, Yanlai Chen, James Edwards, Gavin Fry, Rebecca Flanagan, Karen Gulbrandsen, Adam Hausknecht, Shannon Jenkins, Anna Klokucka, Wayne LeBlanc, Kathy Miraglia, James Mistler, Kari Mofford, Ziddi Msangi, Nancy O'Connor, Grant O'Reilly, Zachary Painter, Doug Roscoe, Nathan Rubien, Monika Schuler, Glaucia Silva, Amit Tandon, Iren Valova, Cheng Wang, Elizabeth Winiarz

Guests: Joe Mediana, Mohammad Karim, Robert Peck, David Klamer, Chan Du, Terrance Burton, Jen Riley, Magali Carrera, Paul Bacdayan, David Manke

### Approval of minutes from 10/17

- Monica Schuler moves approval, Wayne LeBlanc seconds
- Motion passes unanimously

### Faculty Senate President Report

- Approval of campus flag policy:
  - Creates process where group/organization can request flying of special flag on campus.
  - Committee will be formed to review requests: 1 student, 1 graduate student, 1 faculty, 1 Dean (appointed by Provost), and 1 Chancellor appointee
  - Limited time for flying – 5 days
  - Grandfathers rainbow flag
- Academic Catalog:
  - Published this year in November - late
  - Not clear which catalog is in effect this year

### Provost's Report

- Accreditation
  - CVPA:
    - reviewed in fall 2015, reaffirmed until 24-25
    - accepted consolidation of 2-D painting and 3-D sculpture into BA in Fine Art
  - ENG:
    - Visited since last Faculty Senate meeting (10/31-11/1)
    - Based on exit interview, came out well
    - Hopeful for 6 year approval
  - Law School:
    - 12/2 is final review for full accreditation
- New Degree Programs
  - MS Finance approved
  - BA/BA Public Administration
  - BA in Health in Society
  - PhD Biology
  - PhD Stem Education
- Online:
  - PSC ranked top 20 in online ranking

- Forming committee to review online revenue sharing guidelines: Shannon Jenkins, Magali Carrera, Jen Riley, Dave Pedro, Bharatendra Rai, Iren Valvoa, Robert Jones, Stacey Waite
- Admissions:
  - 1500 people at last Open House, 648 students – largest ever
  - Applications: as of 11/15, 2038 vs. 1955 last year for first year, transfer applications look up 501 vs. 385 for prior spring
- Scheduling:
  - Changes to how we make room assignments – new software for optimizing class assignments
  - Pulled back programs from Fairhaven and Fall River – savings of ~500K
- Transfer advising:
  - 1/19 transfer advising face to face for spring
  - 1 in June and 1 in August for fall transfers
- Jobs
  - Automating student employment – 3947 placements
  - Discussion about shadow work ensued
- Manning Prize for Teaching – call for nominations will come out

#### Senate By-laws Amendment

- Jerry Blitefield: asked about nature of changes
- Doug Roscoe:
  - Some changes are moving things from Constitution to by-laws such as committees – allows us to make changes via vote in Senate rather than via the amendment process
  - Can make additional changes to by-laws via by-law committee later in the year
  - Would like motion to move to by-laws to constitution and then remove to constitution
- Grant O’Rielly:
  - reviewed other Constitutions when drafted, other campuses have longer Constitutions but shorter by-laws, if colleges change with changes of academic councils, so we could make the changes to Constitution when they go to the board
- Doug Roscoe: would still be under our control
- Grant O’Rielly: changing things like curriculum committees should be involve all of the faculty on campus, composition and numbers should be in by-laws
- Jerry Blitefield: are other Constitutions at other UMass campuses up for consideration as well?
- Shannon Jenkins: other campuses already have free-standing constitutions that have been approved by the Board, we are the only campus that does not have one
- Paul Bacdayan: should we keep a subset of committees in the Constitution?
- Doug Roscoe: board approval is important gives faculty rights in process
- Grant O’Rielly: leaving in Constitution means we consider curriculum important
- Dave Manke: any reason to move to by-laws aside from Counsel wants?
- Doug Roscoe: flexibility to change by-laws when we need
- Shannon: compromise to create sentence to indicate curriculum committees shall exist in Constitution

- Paul Bacdayan: where does this stand in the process? Is there a deadline?
- Doug: plan to send to faculty
  - plan is: approve by-laws at Senate meeting; move approval of Constitution amendment at Senate meeting and have voting among all senators online; then distribute to full faculty for ratification
- Paul Bacdayan: can we push to next meeting?
- Proposal to add this language to the Constitution: There shall be department, college, university, and general education curriculum committees. There shall be additional committees related to the primary areas of faculty responsibility as outlined in the Preamble, which shall be constituted in the by-laws.
- Jerry Blitefield: would like add language about media of instruction
- Doug Roscoe: will make changes based on committee language and Jerry's suggestion, circulate to Senators for input, will consider at next meeting

#### Fundraising

- Presentation by Joe Medina
- Declining state support of higher education – gap between what we need and what we have
- Philanthropy can fill gap using best practices from private education
- Types of money
  - Endowment
  - Expendable/Current Use
  - Research Grants
  - Need 1 and 2
- Advancement Office needs:
  - Stability
  - Investment
  - Time
- We've never contacted all alumni to ask for money – did that this year
- Focus:
  - getting message out that giving important part of modern state university
  - working on endowed professorships and chairs
- Resolution on Victim's Advocate postponed until next meeting

#### Motion to adjourn

- Jerry Blitefield moved, Anna Klobuka seconded
- Motion passed unanimously