

## Faculty Senate Minutes 12/7/16

### Members Present:

	Present		Present		Present
Michael Anderson		Anna Klobucka	X	Susan Raidy-Klein	X
Jerry Blitefield	X	Susan Krumholz	X	Andrew Revell	
Donald Boerth		Raymond Laoulache		Doug Roscoe	X
Tom Boone		Wayne LeBlanc	X	Nathan Rubien	
Dario Borim	X	Julia Li	X	Kenneth Saltman	
Eileen Carreiro		Sheila Macrine		Frank Scarano	
Yanlai Chen		Yale Magrass		Monika Schuler	X
Cathy Curran	X	Victor Mendes	X	Glaucia Silva	X
Bo Dong		Kathy Miraglia	X	Janet Sobczak	
James Edwards	X	James Mistler	X	Amit Tandon	
Gavin Fay		Kari Mofford	X	Iren Valova	
Rebecca Flanagan	X	Jose Mora		Cheng Wang	
Michael Goodman	X	Ziddi Msangi	X	Gang Wang	
Karen Gulbrandsen		Nancy O'Connor		Jing Wang	X
Maolin Guo		Sharon Ordoobadi		Elizabeth Winiarz	X
Adam Hausknecht	X	Grant O'Rielly	X	Jia Wu	
Shannon Jenkins		Zachary Painter	X	Yuegang Zuo	

**Guests Present:** Viviane Saleh-Hanna; Terrance Burton; Holger Dippel; Nicole Williams; Cynthia Cummings; Magali Carrera; Mohammed Karim; Paul Bacdayan; Carol Spencer; Chan Du; Kimberly Christopher; Crystal Lubinsky

### Approval of Minutes from 11/17

Minutes were approved by Kathy Miraglia, Jerry Blitefield seconded motion

### Faculty Senate President Report

Announcements made about the Law School accreditation and Governor Baker's new appointments to the

Board of Trustees. Steering Committee has sent out several items to committees to work on, so more things will be coming to Senate in the spring including: Policy for non-departmental teaching, evaluation of athletics eligibility policy, possible changes to policy on credits needed for walking at graduation, and looking at computer lab usage (reserving time for courses/exams) across campus.

### **Provost's Report**

Announcements made included the Law School accreditation – no conditions attached, CCB MBA online program ranks 50<sup>th</sup> in nation; Provost also provided background on the new Board of Trustees members.

### **Senate By-laws and Constitution Amendments**

The changes that were requested at last meeting to the Constitution, with updates that were sent out, were introduced. Concern was expressed by some about the process and there was a feeling that there was too much to look at and things may be missed in the process. Question was raised about what was removed from Constitution, and answer was names of committees, duties of president, etc. which were moved to the By-laws. A concern was raised that constitution is not a Board of Trustees's document. Question was raised about what would be gained by making these changes, which was responded to that it's easier to change the By-laws than the constitution for things such as committee names that could be changed more often. An opposition was raised to the changes and with concern that current committees should be hard to change. President mentioned that the Board won't approve document as it is. A comment was made that some of the language should go to the By-laws, but felt that there was too much to look at within this timeline and things may be missed in the process. President said that there is a plan to clean up By-laws in the spring with a discussion with Faculty Federation. He also said UMass General Counsel made suggestions and he did do some changes, but not all. One concern raised about looking carefully at specific language that should be retained. There was a discussion of issue of keeping vs. taking out clause about the Faculty Senate being subordinate to Faculty Federation in matters. President felt that the role of the Senate to recommend needs to be protected. A question was raised about having more people involved in the process. Suggestion to amend By-Laws first in addition to breaking up changes into smaller segments that could be addressed piecemeal in future meetings rather than vote on them as a whole. President mentioned that this work goes back to 2010 report from NEASC recommendation. Another concern was raised that newer members would not have the experience with the constitution to understand the context or the significance of the changes without more discussion at meetings. President asked members for suggestions on process. Suggestions included information session...possibly online, more discussion of differences between By-laws and constitution. Changes should go out to all faculty so they have the opportunity to contribute. President reported that the Steering Committee did vote to move all the changes in one motion. Group decided next action is to distribute to all faculty and ask for feedback/input and go from there.

### **Teach-In Day**

Cynthia Cummings, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Co-Chair of the Diversity Council discussed a proposal to have a Teach-In Day on the first Wednesday (Jan. 25) of the semester to offer programming on issues of diversity, civic engagement, and civil communications. This could mean cancelling classes for the day and providing an extra day at the end of the semester. Programming is still in the planning stages, but possible events could include a job-fair type set up with tables for students to get information as well as workshops with outside speakers. Concerns were voiced about date and questioned if it could be held later in semester as well as ensuring student engagement. Motion to recommend program by Michael Goodman and seconded by Susan Krumholz. Please contact Cynthia Cummings if you are interested in helping to plan the event.

**Request for Full-Time Victims Advocate**

Motion made to recommend full-time victims advocate by Susan Krumholz and seconded by Susan Raidy-Klein.

**Report on Computers and Technology**

Holger Dippel, CIO and Associate Vice Chancellor for IT, reported on the rollout of Office 365, which is currently in a pilot phase. Schedule for implementation: Mid-Feb. self-migration, Office 2016 install by March 6, and full migration by March 10. CITS will also introduce a new voicemail system that will happen in the next two months. It will have a webclient that one can check from online or mobile and it will notify by email about new voicemail.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.