

## Faculty Senate Minutes 2/13/17

### Members Present:

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

**Guests Present:** John Branco, Joseph Ingoldsby, Lu Yoder, Richard Rosen, Robert Peck, Magali Carrera, Mohammed Karim, Chan Du, Terrance Burton, Tesfay Meressi, David Milstone, John Hoey, Joseph Frezza, Adam Lawrence, Sara Shaughnessy, Lisa Maya Knauer, Paul Bacdayan, Kimberly Christopher, and Jen Riley.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm in Liberal Arts classroom 117 by Doug Roscoe.

### **Approval of Minutes from 12/7**

Minutes were approved by Grant O' Reilly and Kathy Miraglia seconded the motion.

### **Faculty Senate President Report**

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NEASC Accreditation: 9 Standards will write and draft each of the sections with a chair of each section with co-chairs of a staff member and a faculty member. If interested in serving or chairing a committee, please let Doug know. Summaries of the committee responsibilities will be provided.

Timeline:

Spring 2017 – Fall 2017: Steering Committee identifies members of Standards Committee

Spring 2018-Spring 2019: Standards Committees meet, gather data, draft sections

Summer 2019-Fall 2019: Final Draft of self-study completed

January 2020: Final draft submitted

March 2020: Team site visit

### **Board of Trustees Meeting Report**

Grant provided a thorough report of the subcommittees meetings and Board of Trustees meeting. Overall it was reported that there is a good fiscal condition of our campus and the UMass system. An extended version of his report is available on request.

### **Provost's Report**

Site visit tomorrow for elementary education and STEM education. Bob Peck chairing law school committee. NSF Career \$780K English Language learners. Co-Director of Kaplan Center won \$450K. Teach-in days on March 1 and March 2 for diversity discussions. Announcement coming out soon. LARTS wireless (Jan: basemt first floor; May 2017 for third floor). 28 sabbaticals approved (19 cas; etc.). OUR: 5 Grants. Manning Teaching award: Nora Barnes

### **Discussion of WUMD License Transfer**

Doug introduces John Hoey to describe the process, institutional and student benefits, and merits of the plan. The decision we made was not the result of the people at the station or the quality of the product they were producing. At the end of the day after a significant number of conversations and knowledge on these issues, the return was much greater than what we were giving up. RIPR came to us a year ago, we then spent time studying it, and entered the conversation and saw the benefit to both organizations. Cost of transfer: \$1.5M from RIPR to our campus. This will be allocated in this way: A gift agreement with \$1M for need-based aid, with a plan to match this to add to this, we project this will help 20-30 students a year, and develop an emergency aid fund for students to pay tuition to get through their final year, a community engagement

initiative with funding; and \$25K to modernize WUMD equipment to keep it online; and a graduate assistantship and 3 other internships will be provided by RIPR; planning a match of \$250K from private funds by Foundation; \$67K/yr for 6 years of advertising time (student recruitment) on the RIPR station. We're hoping this will result in \$2M-\$3M in total. We intend that this will result in greater media attention in our region with a first-rate national media outlet covering this region and projecting what their cover beyond our region. Those are the benefits.

Timeline: Contract and all materials were submitted to the FCC on January 8, 2017; Comment period ended after the 30-days. We are expecting 60-100 days before the actual transfer process.

Question on Programming: RIPR would be interested in the adopting some of the WUMD programming over time. Forty percent of their programming will be directed to Southeastern Massachusetts residents.

History on Station: 45 years. Radio station had been funded by the Student Allocation Fee until about five years ago, when the university subsidized it hoping it would become self-supporting, which it never did.

Consolidation of Media (Joseph Ingoldsby; Westport, Rd; alumni from here): "You're losing progressive news, and a showcase of the university, a megaphone of the university, and a lot of programs that are very unique to the Portuguese community, different music programs representing the cultures here, and will lose the listening audience going online – you are going to lose your voice – for the students and for the greater community who do not have access to the internet."

John: Yet this is not a repeat of WGBH. The transmitter will go on the highest tower possible in Tiverton – it will have a larger signal than WGBH. I know that there will be some people who do not go [online], but I am hoping some new people will go there.

Blitefield: There's a loss but also a gain. WUMD – will it be marketed or be orphaned? How will people come to it? Maybe this won't seem so much of a loss. –John agrees – we will be investing \$25K for the online. RIPR will send listeners to WUMD. RIPR may rebroadcast 1-2 of the WUMD shows. See RadioDePaul for ideas of what types of online content is available. ... We are giving something up and a very significant return for our most needest students.

### **Faculty Senate Statement on Immigration Executive Order**

Deletions suggested by senators and concerns raised on whether to include our colleagues' names. Another suggestion was made by Lisa to read the CON statement; another suggestion was to add gender identity and gender expression. Possibly include Bob Brown's statement from BU on the economic impact was suggested. Adam Hausknecht made motion to accept as amended; Don Boerth seconded.

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

The preamble appears to be changed yet the text is simply relocated. Sources were cited for shared governance in the second paragraph. T730978 The Wellman Document – explanation of shared governance and process for creating a constitution. Lines 8-16 are our responsibilities. Lines 21-26 is the description of how recommendations are managed yet this can be struck. Leaving the preamble. Blue text is "all there" in the By-Laws. Content is being moved to the By-Laws, such as Steering Committee, Officers, and Duties. Section D was moved completely. Section E on committees was revised and updated to include curriculum committees. Remainder of content went to the by-laws. Grant stated he believes that the curriculum committees should be keep in the constitution (not the by-laws) as it is the primary thing we do. Doug

indicated this change, if not done, could be in conflict with the bargaining agreement. Grant agreed to draft additional sentences on curriculum to include in the Constitution. The content may require additional review.

Adam Hausknecht made motion to adjourn and Kari Mofford seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.