

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

October 19, 2017

3:30-5:00pm

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Members Present:

	Present		Present		Present
Paul Bacdayan	X	Guarav Khanna	X	Nancy O'Connor	X
Jerry Blitefield		Anna Klobucka		Aminda O'Hare	X
Tom Boone		Hilary Kraus	X	Grant O'Rielly	X
Dario Borim		Susan Krumholz		Susan Raidy-Klein	
Michelle Bowers	X	Wayne LeBlanc	X	Andrew Revell	
Rob Darst		Elizabeth Lehr	X	Ricardo Rosa	
James Edwards	X	Julia Li		Doug Roscoe	
Chris Eisenhart	X	Chad McGuire		Nathan Rubien	X
Gavin Fay	X	Cristina Mehrtens		Kenneth Saltman	
Rebecca Flanagan		Victor Mendes		Frank Scarano	
Jennifer Fugate	X	Kathy Miraglia	X	Monika Schuler	X
Michael Goodman	X	James Mistler		Glaucia Silva	X
Karen Gulbrandsen	X	Kari Mofford	X	Amit Tandon	
Adam Hausknecht	X	Pia Moisander		Iren Valova	
Shannon Jenkins	X	Jose Mora		Cheng Wang	X
Arpita Joardar	X	Ziddi Msangi		Elizabeth Winiarz	

Guests Presents: David Pedro, Cathy Curran, Kathy Carter, Ling Lin, David Klamen

Call to Order: Doug Roscoe called Meeting to order at 3:30pm

Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2017

Motion to approve minutes made by Shannon Jenkins and seconded by Gavin Fay. Motion carried.

Faculty Senate President's Report

1. First item of discussion was the RCM model. A motion was made at the September 18 meeting to hold another full meeting to discuss this model in detail. This meeting will be held at the end of November or early December following the November 6 Town Hall meeting on RCM. Meeting to be at regular 3:30-5pm time.
2. Shake the Ship – Sponsored by Student Government Association. On November 5 students will gather with administrators to discuss campus issues from their perspective and changes they would like to see made. Results will be channeled to faculty following the event.
3. By-Laws Committee – revisions to group by the next meeting, Shannon Jenkins, Chair. Renaming and consolidation of committees for the November meeting and a definition of membership by December to Faculty Senate.

4. Chancellor Listening Sessions – Small group sessions on the strategic direction of the University. Faculty Senate participated, viewing points of balancing research, teaching and service. There will be another meeting in about a month. Open sessions are also being held on October 26, 9-1, and October 31, 3-5, in the Grand Reading Room.
5. Graduate Programs Committee - The Steering Committee approved ad hoc committee. Representatives from the Senate Council met last week. Consideration to be made if Graduate Programs should become a permanent committee.
6. Revision to procedures for new academic units are underway.
7. Reminder of Diwali program scheduled for November 4.

Provost's Report

All AQAD Response Report materials were submitted to the BOT by the October 11 deadline for Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Foreign Literature and Languages, Mathematics, Philosophy and Liberal Arts. The Report also included summary inputs for the College of Nursing and the College of Engineering whose programs were successfully accredited respectively by CCNE and ABET.

We are hopeful that BA Health & Society and BA/BS in Public Administration will be approved at the BHE in November. MS in Finance will be at CASA on November 15, and if approved, at the BOT on December 8. PhD in STEM Education will be with CASA on March 28, 2018 and then the BOT on April 13, 2018.

Based on the recently completed census report, enrollment stands at 8406 vs 8647, down by 241, and we will have budget adjustments of about \$1.27M for all academic and student affairs units together. We will complete making adjustments by November 2017.

Report by the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Presented by Paul Bacdayan. Approval has been made by the Board of Trustees for program in Public Administration. The Boston campus faculty and staff expressed concern about upcoming budget cuts. Chairman Manning commented, indicating that the BOT is not able to help them as they have mismanaged their campus. Implications are that campuses are on their own.

Presentation on Online Learning-Dave Pedro, Executive Director of University Extension, and Shannon Jenkins, Academic Director of Online Learning

Dave Pedro and Shannon Jenkins presented an overview and history of University Extension to the group, from the beginnings as face-to-face "night classes" to its transformation as primarily serving the adult learner online. Dave reviewed the composition of UE's team and discussed the five online graduate programs currently offered. Discussion followed regarding the guidelines used for UE and how they coordinated with the individual college admissions guidelines, which the presenters noted remain the same for online or on-campus students.

Shannon's role is to provide support for faculty and departments in development and provision of online courses and programs, as well as building processes to manage these. She works with an instructional development team and faculty development and helps to make sure academic policies and procedures are followed appropriately. Her involvement includes development of UE student support services to build connections and build an online student community for support.

The presenters provided a handout of University Extension Program offerings for 2017-2018, including undergraduate degrees, undergraduate certificates, graduate degrees and graduate certificates, including some that are under review to be implemented at a later date when approved. Differences between day students and online students were

discussed, the composition of the online student population being on average 30 years old and 75% female, the outcome being that both groups were very different populations and unlikely to negatively affect enrollment in either group.

There was discussion regarding the subject of planning for online courses with colleges. The presenters suggested a two year schedule for planning would be desirable.

Online growth over the last 5 years has been at an average rate of 17% per year, from 3553 to 7533 annual enrollment.

Recommendations to Improve Research Administration (see attached)

Faculty in SMAST have made recommendations approved by the Steering Committee. The Senate now needs to review for formal recommendations.

There was a lively discussion about the need for an ombudsman on campus.

Motion by Mike Goodman for Senate to approve recommendations. Motion seconded by Shannon Jenkins. Motion carried.

Recommendations to Improve Curriculum and Instruction Procedures (see attached)

Recommendation was made to table and send to review by the Federation to work in language that is contractually compliant with ESU. Beth Lehr requested time once this was done to look at the language before it is sent along due to concerns about CAS 101. It was suggested that the bargaining agreement be adjusted. A motion was made that a Management/Labor Committee be created to deal with issues. Grant O'Reilly moved to table this item to the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.