

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

December 13, 2017

3:30-5:00pm

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**Members Present:**

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

**Guests Present:** Chan Du, Kimberly Christopher, Mohammah karim, Tesfay Meressi, Alex Fowler, Kathy Carter. Mike Anderson, Amy Shapiro, Devon Lynch, Timothy Walker, Dilshod Achilov, Maureen Hall, Brian Ayotte, Cathy Gardner, Keota Fields, Christina Bruen, Gina Reis

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

**Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2017**

Motion to approve minutes made by Nancy O'Connor and seconded by Andrew Revell. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from November 28, 2017**

Changes had been made by Mary Louise Nunes and revised minutes sent out via email Doug Roscoe had not seen revisions, so motion was made to table the review with changes until the February meeting. Motion made by Wayne LeBlanc and seconded by Andrew Revell. Motion carried.

**Remarks by Chancellor Johnson**

Chancellor Johnson has been listening, since his arrival on campus, to everyone's ambition for the institution and he spoke to the group about the university and his hope for a shared vision. The Chancellor hopes to keep an open dialogue, keeping in mind that the students come first. He is excited about the role of the Faculty Senate. He

commended the Senate on their great work saying that shared governance, with everyone working together, was admirable and remarked upon by NEASC during the last accreditation. With shared governance, everyone has a voice to reach a better solution with shared ambition and shared responsibility. We can do anything if we work together with two-way transparency, honesty, integrity and civility.

Chancellor Johnson spoke of the unique position of UMass Dartmouth within the university system and as a recognized Tier 1 National Research Institution. With our large campus, prime geographical location, and excellent faculty, we are truly in a position to provide the “quality, private university experience” with the cost value of a state university.

### **Faculty Senate President’s Report**

1. Facilities tour December 19, 2017, 3:30-4:30pm – The Steering Committee will take the tour, but there are some openings. If anyone is interested in participating, email Doug Roscoe.
2. Faculty Recognition Event – The first will be in spring 2019 sponsored by the Chancellor. He would like a planning committee to meet in the spring. Email Doug Roscoe if interested.
3. By-Laws Revisions: 4 Proposals
  - a) Committee Selection
  - b) Membership section
  - c) Election procedures (a new section)
  - d) Miscellaneous
4. Staffing Data: From the Provost - Enrollment is down but university employment is steady. FTE chart shows faculty numbers as well as staff numbers.

### **Provost’s Report**

Provost Karim spoke to the group about the new programs approved for UMD by the BOT and the BHE. On December 8 the UMass Board of Trustees approved the MS in Finance degree program from Charlton College of Business. It will go next to the BHE for final approval.

On December 12, 2017, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education approved three interdisciplinary degree programs, all from the College of Arts & Sciences. Approved was the new BA program in Health and Society, as well as the BA and BS in Public Administration. These programs will be available in fall 2018.

The Provost thanked the faculty for their work in developing the new programs.

### **Presentation on International Programs: Christina Bruen, Director, International Student & Scholar Center**

Christina Bruen gave a presentation outlining the International Programs Office and what it does. During her 17 years on campus she has worked in the International Student and Scholar Center, and, more recently, the IPO. Attending with her was Gina Reis, Study Abroad Advisor. Tina discussed Terra Dotta, an application management database, used for all students in academic study abroad. IPO offers educational abroad opportunities through 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers, exchange programs and faculty-led. They strive to ensure academically sound, healthy, risk mitigated travel for students.

Tina reviewed the numbers of UMD students abroad during 2017 for each program. She listed some of the challenges involved with international travel. Primary challenge is finances. Funding is a major barrier, especially since 66% of students are on financial aid and the cost of study abroad is beyond many. For many students study abroad is not thought of as an option and they need additional encouragement. Students often don’t plan ahead sufficiently and study abroad is not integrated into most curriculums.

The IPO provides administrative oversight, advising, Terra Dotta processing, collaborations, budgets, marketing, and working with deans, faculty and admissions events. The IPO can grow through integration into curriculums, by utilizing cost effective programs and locations and fundraising.

Open for comments: Shannon Jenkins suggested a need for more faculty input into study abroad and more interaction with IPO. She suggested an ad hoc Faculty Senate committee to discuss this. Doug Roscoe will have the Steering Committee draw up something to discuss at the February meeting.

### **Revisions to Procedure for establishing new academic units (attached)**

Currently there are existing procedures for new units/new programs. Proposal is to separate the two and maintain campus control. Details in the attached document for new units. All departments get to vote. If all units are fine then it moves forward, if some disagree, the Provost can stop the process. The full proposal, if all agree, goes to the Provost and the Senate president to decide. The Faculty Senate will always vote at the end.

Paul Bacdayan questioned how this is different than prior versions. Doug stated that the new program severs new academic units from new programs and allows all units to weigh in and provides the Provost the ability to kick it out. Shannon suggested that in the full proposal there should be a stronger faculty voice and more checks and balances. Grant felt that the University Curriculum Committee should also be involved.

Motion to recommend revisions and bring forward to Provost for review with changes.

### **Briefing about Honors College Proposal: Cathy Gardner, Honors Program Director**

Cathy Gardner spoke regarding the proposal to create an Honors College on campus. She was joined by Keota Fields and Brian Ayotte. To do this the process for establishing a new academic unit will be followed. There will be faculty and student input at each stage. The initial work group consists of the Honors group and students. Faculty contributions are needed. Honors College gives students a sense of accomplishment and would allow for more flexibility while enhancing links to our unique region.

Keota Fields said UMD is the only campus in the system without an Honors College. An Honors College would provide benefits to faculty by using part-time faculty, and would enhance the mission of the university, also providing more opportunities for research.

Brian Ayotte discussed a survey showing what faculty and students think of the Honors College process. Faculty and students both agreed the Honors College would be beneficial and approved the shift from Honors Program to Honors College. Concerns included faculty funding, administrative support, class system, and lack of student communication with other students.

There were some follow-up questions. Regarding Honors and students of color, Cathy stated that currently students are recruited through Admissions, but in the future could have direct recruiting. At this time there is a pretty high percentage of students of color. Regarding structure of the Honors College, Cathy said it is not required to have a dean, although it is an option to have either a dean or a director, or both. When asked what the goal for numbers would be, it was stated there are currently 400 students in the Honors program and the goal is 600-800.

### **Discussion about need for Ombudsperson**

Doug provided the position description for ombudsperson from 2008, a position that was active until 2013. According to the International Ombudsman Association duties involve Informal contract resolution and trying to solve problems outside of formal channels. A motion was made to recommend to hire an ombudsperson. Duties would be the same or similar to those defined on the position description previously. Shannon Jenkins moved to recommend. Kathy Miraglia seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion made by Doug Roscoe to postpone remaining agenda items to the next meeting due to time constraints.**

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.