

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

September 24, 2018

3:30-5:00pm

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Members Present:

	Present		Present		Present
Dilshod Achilov	X	Cathy Gardner	X	Kathy Miraglia	X
Scott Ahrtens		Michael Goodman	X	Kari Mofford	X
Nick Anguelov	X	Karen Gulbrandsen	X	Jose Mora	X
Brian Aytte		Adam Hausknecht	X	Ziddi Msangi	X
Paul Bacdayan		Shannon Jenkins	X	Nancy O'Connor	
Carlos Benavides	X	Arpita Joardar	X	Aminda O'Hare	X
Jerry Blitefield	X	Shakhnoz Kayumova	X	Grant O'Rielly	X
Tom Boone	X	Guarav Khanna		Ricardo Rosa	X
Michelle Bowers		Anna Klobucka		Doug Roscoe	X
Eric Casero		Hilary Kraus	X	Frank Scarano	X
Cathy Curran	X	Susan Krumholz	X	Monika Schuler	X
Rob Darst	X	Wayne LeBlanc	X	Glaucia Silva	X
Ana Dempsey		Elizabeth Lehr		Amit Tandon	X
Chris Eisenhart	X	Crystal Lubinsky	X	Iren Valova	
Gavin Fay	X	David Manke	X	Stephen Witzig	X
Rebecca Flanagan	X	Chad McGuire	X		
Jennifer Fugate	X	Cristina Mehrtens			

22 GUESTS:

Kathy Carter, Interim Dean of CCB

Magali Carrera, Vice Provost

Mohammad Karim, Provost

Karen Barnett, Assistant Dean of Nursing

Kimberly Christopher, Dean of Nursing

Terri Burton, Dean of Library

Steve Lohrenz, Dean of SMAST

Mark Silby, Ken Oliveria, David Pedro, Chan Du, Cathy Smilan, Stephanie McGoldrick, Audra Callahan, Ramprasad Balasubramanian, Ray Laoulache, Amy Shapario, Molly O'Brien, Billy Cryer, Antonio Costa, Viviane Saleh-Hanna, Rose Botti-Salitsky

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Mike Goodman
2. President's Report by Mike Goodman.
 - a. Mike said this year we will try to work on build the trust between the academic unit of faculty and the administration.
 - b. Update on special elections to fill Senate vacancies in the CON & LIB, at the end of last academic year, Divina Grossman from Nursing moved to west coast for job change, and Elizabeth Winiarz retired which left two vacancies, we received at least two confirmed nominees from each council and we will send out final election next week. We will have the election results for our next meeting. Also elected Nursing senate will be asked to serve on the steering committee.
 - c. We're seeking grade appeal facilitators in the COE and CVPA, please consider to apply
2. Report from the Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees, Grant O'Reily

The UMASS I reviewed the extensive discussion by the by the UMASS Board of Trustees regarding online education. External consultants have been engaged by the President's Office to assess further development of online offering by the UMASS system. While there are currently few details, there is some suggestion that the creation of a large online program entirely separate from the residential campuses is being considered. eg. Purdue University's takeover of Kaplan to create Purdue Global.

For some context on this matter, BOT Chair Robert Manning has stated that the system should triple online revenues within a few years and the new CEO of UMASS ONLINE was previously at Pearson Publishing which has developed and promoted online content associated with their textbooks.

The concern from the members of the IFC is that a system-level online entity separate from the campuses would appear to remove faculty from their role in program and curriculum development and review. Also, it would compete with and hurt existing online programs at the campuses, negatively impacting campus revenues.

The interest in expanding online offerings is that it is an attractive revenue source for the UMASS system particularly since the state appropriation is unlikely to increase and there are limits on further increasing student tuition and fees.

It would be helpful to learn from the Chancellor and Provost their opinion of the UMASS system developing a new, separate online entity and how they can help ensure faculty continue to have oversight of the curriculum and program content for online offerings should such a separate UMASS ONLINE entity be created.

3. Campus Update by Chancellor Robert Johnson

Chancellor Johnson talked about what he knows. Over the summer we received the final votes to break ground on the 134 Million project to build the brand new freshman residence halls and brand new dining facility. The ground breaking for both will be on November 8th. We're the only 4 year institution in the commonwealth to receive any capital fund to do any infrastructure things, we will begin 54 Million Dollars renovation of S&E building, we're working on soliciting more funds for the internal parts like labs and classrooms.

For the 1st time in 6-7 years, UMASSD didn't have declined enrollment. For the 1st time in 6-7 years, we won't start the academic year with a budget cut. Our new students, freshmen enrollment up 5%, law school enrollment is up. We still have work to do on continue Ed and student retention. This year we have 8534 students and 8407 students last year, we're up 1-1.5%.

During the summer, we received 600k grant from US department of commerce. It's a 3 year grant, it's a matching grant so we have to come up another 600k.

We have one more position to fill that is the vice chancellor for A&F.

We have been spending the last 4-5 months with A&F and HR to reconcile positions.

The statement sent out from Angela Callahan about pausing hiring is not about budget crisis. It's because we're reconciling, we're going through every position, and the total reconciliation is expected to be done within 2-3 weeks and we can go forward with budget. Back in July we loaded 60%, as of last Friday or today, 90% was loaded, once the total reconciliation is done, the rest of 10% will be loaded.

5. Status of Senate Recommendations made at May meeting

1. Student withdrawal policy – recommendation accepted
2. Academic integrity policy – may recall, we have questions on languages
3. Misconduct policy – had productive meeting with Angela Callahan, we're continuing working with her, developing efficiency

6. Continuing business

- a. Pending Honors College Proposal
This will be referred to University curriculum committee.
- b. Proposed relocation of the Dept. of Medical Laboratory Science from CAS to CON. There will be a proposal for this.

7. Discussion of New Business and Emerging Issues

- a. Anticipated new program proposals, there are two undergraduate program proposals.
 1. Interior Architecture & Design
 2. Environmental and Marine Science
- b. Pending Center reviews: None
- c. Pending Senior Administrator Reviews: Awaiting response from HR

- d. CITS Concerns, there should be better processes to notify faculty, so there will be some changes for that, Mike had a productive meeting with Holger Dipple, who will come to talk with us in November meeting.
- e. Graduate Office concerns

Meeting called to adjourn at 4:15pm, motioned by Adam, second by Shannon Jenkins.