

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
 February 10, 2020  
 3-5pm  
 LIB 206

**Members present:**

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Flanagan Rebecca		Lehr Elizabeth	
Ahrens Scott		Fugate Jennifer		Lubinsky Crystal	X
Anguelov Nick	X	Gardner Cathy	X	Manke David	X
Arkerson Robin	X	Goodman Michael	X	McGuire Chad	X
Ayotte Brian		Gulbrandsen Karen		Mehrtens Cristina	
Bacdayan Paul		Hausknecht Adam	X	Msangi Ziddi	
Benavides Carlos		Heryudono Alfa	X	O'Brien Molly	X
Bowers Michelle	X	Jenkins Shannon	X	O'Rielly Grant	X
Casero Eric	X	Joardar Arpita	X	Orrill Chandra	X
Clifford Ralph		Kayumova Shakhnoza		Rosa Ricardo	
Costa Antonio	X	Khanna Guarav	X	Roscoe Doug	
Cowles Geoff		Kim Saeja	X	Scarano Frank	X
Curran Cathy		Klobucka Anna	X	Schuler Monika	X
Darst Rob		Kraus Hilary	X	Tandon Amit	
Dempsey Anna	X	Kush Jonathan	X	Viveiros Jennifer	X
Eisenhart Chris	X	Larson Eric		Witzig Stephen	
Evans Shari		LeBlanc Wayne	X		

**18 GUESTS:**

Chan Du  
 Kathy Carter

Steven Lohrenz  
Karen Barnett  
Kimberly Christopher  
Dawn Gross  
Cathy Smilan  
Matthew Roy  
Shannon Finning  
Pauline Entin  
Viviane Saleh-Hanna  
Ramprasad Balasubramanian  
Tsfay Meressi  
Mark Dias  
Annemarie Currie  
Sue Amatrudo  
Alex Fowler  
Ray Laoulache

## **FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA**

**February 10, 2020, 3-5pm, LIB 206**

- Call to Order
  - Welcome to the first meeting of the spring semester
- Review and approval of minutes from the December meeting
  - Motion made by Adam Hausknecht and seconded by Shannon Jenkins
- President's Report
  - Preview of upcoming items
    - New SMAST Undergraduate Program
    - General Education Committee re proposed changes
    - Honors Committee re staffing & curriculum
  - Inquiry from Shannon Jenkins re the scheduled start date of the spring semester & possible input from faculty
- Provost's Report
  - NECHE report has been delivered to committee and reviewers
  - Waiting on schedule for NECHE visit
    - Reviewers will be on campus 3/23 & 3/24
    - Sessions will be scheduled for meetings with faculty, staff, and students
  - Inquiry from Grant O'Rielly re Honors College proposed numbers
- Presentation re Budget Planning (Chancellor Johnson)
  - This year's budget is balanced & next year's budget is being built

- Creation of task force to plan for different scenarios based on various enrollment number scenarios
  - Guiding principles for task force
  - Composition of task force
- Discussion regarding purpose of task force
- Robust discussion regarding the composition of task force
  - Inquiries re student representation and faculty representation
- Inquiry from David Manke re creating a website for the task force to provide transparency
  - Website would also provide an avenue for inclusivity of campus moving forward
- Discussion will continue with the steering committee re composition of task force
- Presentation re Updates on Search for Campus “Bookstore” (Associate Vice Chancellor LaGrassa)
  - RFP has gone out to 18 possible vendors
  - Examination of financial performance of campus bookstores
    - Sales are down with the exception of digital textbooks and convenience items
  - Thinking outside the box with regards to services provided by or at the bookstore to draw in students
- Other Business
  - UMassD Votes (Liz Anusauskas)
    - This is a big election year and the group is working on the following projects:
      - Raising awareness about registering to vote with VOTE signs around campus
      - Surveying students to determine the issues that matter to them
      - In talks with the Town of Dartmouth to have polling stations on campus
      - Students in Graphic Design class designing website
    - Faculty can help by:
      - Talking to students about the importance of voting
      - Hold a “teach-in” on Election Day
      - Post the link or QR code for TurboVote to encourage students to register
    - See attached handout for more information
- Motion to Adjourn

## UMassD Votes Coalition

Feel Free to Contact Liz Anusauskas- [eanusauskas@umassd.edu](mailto:eanusauskas@umassd.edu) with any questions

1. Who we are: Deirdre and I started this coalition of students, faculty, staff, and administrators focusing on ways to institutionalize voting on campus.
2. Projects we are working on:
  - a. The VOTE signs around campus are from us- paid for by the Leduc Center, have been looking to do more with more funding
  - b. We will be sending a survey out to students to figure out what issues matter to them so that we can use that information to put on events and make sure that we are using effective strategies to get out the vote.
  - c. We are working on getting a polling station on campus for the November election
  - d. We connect students with this coalition by collaborating on projects with a team of graphics and web development students

TurboVote:



Link: [Umassd.turbovote.org](https://umassd.turbovote.org)

QR Code above

Uses:

1. Register Students to Vote AND register students with TurboVote
  - a. Students who are already registered to vote should still register with TurboVote to get all the updates and information listed below
2. Give students reminders about where their polling location is
3. Give students reminders about when the next election is
4. Send students applications for absentee ballots via mail or email

What Can You Do to Help?

1. Take five minutes out of your class to talk about voting. Talk about why it matters, why it's important, and how it relates to your coursework.
2. Make class on election days online- "Teach-In." This semester we are asking students to register with their home address which means that if students don't complete an absentee ballot application and don't send their ballot in they will have to go home on a Tuesday and vote.
3. Post the link to TurboVote on your mycourses site

4. Post the QR code to TurboVote on your door for students who come to office hours
5. If you are a club advisor ask your students to talk about voting and make sure they are all registered with TurbVote or give them my contact information and I'd be happy to go to a meeting and talk about TurboVote.