# Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes December 6, 2022 3-5pm

## Zoom Videoconferencing

### **Members present:**

		Present			Present			Present
Achilov	Dilshod		Fields	Keota	X	Moisander	Pia	X
Ahrens	Scott		Fisher	Anthony	X	Msangi	Ziddi	
Albin	Laurel		Fisher	Robert		Nulty	Timothy	
Almeida	Jessica	X	Fowler	Alex	X	O'Connor	Nancy	X
Anguelov	Nick		Gelmi	Caroline	X	O'Hara	Stephanie	
Arora	Anupama	X	Gulbrandsen	Karen		O'Rielly	Grant	X
Arruda	Elisabeth	X	Hall	Maureen		Omer	Harun	
Ayotte	Brian	X	Hausknecht	Adam	X	Pacheco	Sonia	X
Barrett	Diana	X	Heffernan	Lorraine	X	Powers	Theodore	X
Bell	Christine		Jia	Xiaofei	X	Rajaniemi	Tara	X
Berggren	Heidi	X	Joardar	Arpita	X	Reda	Danya	
Bhowmick	Sankha		Kellogg	Marni	X	Revell	Andrew	X
Boone	R. Tom	X	Khatib	Firas	X	Roscoe	Doug	X
Borim	Dario	X	Kim	Saeja	X	Saleh-Hanna	Viviane	X
Botvin	Joshua	X	Kish	Robin		Santavicca	Nicholas	X
Bowers	Michelle		Klobucka	Anna	X	Scarano	Frank	X
Bromage	Erin	X	Li	Yuzhu	X	Silby	Mark	
Buck	Elisabeth	X	Lohrenz	Steven	X	Silva	Glaucia	
Casero	Eric	X	Lubinsky	Crystal	X	Smilan	Cathy	X
Clifford	Ralph	X	Manganiello	William		Sneider	Matthew	X

Cowles	Geoff		Manke	David	X	Tandon	Amit	
Curran	Catharine		Manning	Kenneth		Viall	Benjamin	
Darst	Robert	X	Marshall	Douglas		Viveiros	Jennifer	X
DeLuca	Katherine		McGuire	Chad	X	Wang	Honggang	X
Dempsey	Anna		Mehrtens	Cristina		Wilson	Mary	
Eisenhart	Chris		Miraglia	Caterina		Winslow	Benjamin	X
Fair	Meghan		Mofford	Kari	X	Witzig	Stephen	X

#### 31 GUESTS

#### FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA December 6, 2022, 3-5pm, Zoom

- President's Report (Doug Roscoe)
  - Issue with email announcement some faculty did not receive notice of meeting when it was originally sent
    - Email stuck and pushed out this morning
  - Senior Administrator review update
    - Anonymous survey completed
    - Deans have opportunity to provide statement
  - Change to the end of some committee members' terms
    - Most terms expire in May, but there are a few that expire in December
      - Transitioning those that expire in December to May so all terms expire in the same month
  - o Walk-through of Faculty Senate's myCourse site
- Call to Order at 3:18pm
- Approval of November 9th minutes
  - Motion made (Andrew Revell) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
    - No objections Minutes approved
- Provost's Report (Hanchen Huang)
  - o Reflections on the fall semester
    - Inaccurate impression/assessment of faculty interactions with students
      - Based on results from the Campus Climate Study
      - Impressed with faculty's resilience & willingness to move forward
  - Climate Study
  - Update on the Provost's Office's 4 Pillar Areas
    - Graduate Student Enrollment Growth numbers are looking good

- Undergraduate Retention
  - Creation of initiatives to help with retention
  - Formation of academic retention committee to identify the root cause(s) of our retention challenges and develop strategies to address them
- Faculty Success still on hold due to lack of staffing to implement initiative
- Operation/Communication
  - Providing periodic email communications with updates about what is happening (or not)
  - Providing information to Chairs so they can relay to faculty
  - Assessment of operations to remove obstacles
    - Example is OCE revenue and current restrictions on its use
- Committee Reports
  - Admissions Committee (Nicholas Santivicca)
    - Conversation with Vice Chancellor Jim Anderson, Enrollment Management
      - Building relationship for data & information on enrollment/recruitment
      - Topics for discussion
        - Review policy for recruitment & retention of students with complex issues/needs
        - Review K-12 partnerships
        - Review policies and procedures for international students
  - General Education Committee (Douglas Roscoe & Matthew Sneider)
    - Background on the committee
    - New initiatives this year
      - Introduction of UThemes playlist helps students string classes together around a theme
      - Improvement process for University Studies
    - Cluster IV courses are currently undergoing reapproval
    - Cluster V will be next
    - Things to consider:
      - Trimming list of courses offered under University Studies
      - Issue of breadth in the University Studies curriculum
  - Library Committee (Matthew Sneider)
    - Held 2 meetings so far
    - Informed on the Library Dean search
      - Charging a search committee soon
    - Discussion of results from 2 surveys distributed Spring 2022
      - Faculty needs survey identify resources faculty felt the Library should acquire

- Some requests were approved, others are still under consideration
- Faculty satisfaction survey gauge faculty opinion on a variety of library operations
  - 2 categories below satisfactory: learning common support and course reserves
  - Faculty are also unaware of or did not use certain library services - possible need for greater and more focused outreach to faculty
- Results have been shared with library administration
- o Policy & Process Review Committee (Lorraine Heffernan)
  - Held first meeting yesterday four policies to look at:
    - UMassD Announce is frequency sufficient?
    - Procurement policy limiting faculty members to one computer
      - What policy dictates who can get a second computer?
      - If the faculty member gets a second computer, how should it be funded?
    - Use of personal credit cards instead of bank cards for non-travel purchases
    - What is the policy on search & screen committees and the obligation to inform people
- Unfinished Business
  - Learning Modalities Committee recommendations
    - Continued discussion
    - Motion to Refer Back to Committee to incorporate comments from this meeting
      - Motion made (Ralph Clifford) and seconded (Grant O'Rielly)
      - Discussion
        - Motion to Refer Report to Steering Committee for Consideration of Next Steps
          - Motion made (Benjamin Winslow) and seconded (Viviane Saleh-Hanna)
          - Quorum not met for a vote

- New Business
  - Shared Governance and Process Improvement Committee sending out an email soon
- Meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum for vote