

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
 November 3, 2023
 2-4pm
 Zoom Videoconferencing

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Dempsey Anna	X	Manning Kenneth	X
Ahrens Scott	X	Eckert Maureen	X	Marshall Douglas	
Albin Laurel		Eisenhart Chris		Mehrtens Cristina	
VACANT		Evans Shari		Mofford Kari	X
Anguelov Nick		Fair Meghan	X	Moisander Pia	
Arkerson Robin	X	Fields Keota	X	Msangi Ziddi	X
Arora Anupama	X	Fisher Anthony	X	Neto Catherine	X
Arruda Elisabeth	X	Fisher Robert		O’Rielly Grant	X
Avery Shannon		Fletcher Megan		Olitsky Neal	X
Ayotte Brian	X	Fowler Alex		Pacheco Sonia	X
Barrett Diana	X	Franz Laura		Rajaniemi Tara	X
Berggren Heidi	X	Gardner Catherine	X	Reda Danya	
Bhowmick Sankha		Gulbrandsen Karen	X	Revell Andrew	
Borim Dario	X	Hall Maureen	X	Roscoe Doug	X
Botvin Joshua	X	Huang Rui	X	Santavicca Nicholas	
Bowman Julie		Jia Xiaofei		Scarano Frank	X
Bromage Erin	X	Kayumova Shakhnoza		Schuler Monika	X
Buck Elisabeth	X	Khatib Firas	X	Silby Mark	
Caldera Kathryn	X	Kim Saeja	X	Silva Glaucia	X

Casero	Eric	X	Kish	Robin		Sneider	Matthew	X
Clark	Jennifer		Klobucka	Anna	X	Tandon	Amit	
VACANT			Li	Yuzhu	X	Turcotte	Heather	X
Cowles	Geoff		Lohrenz	Steven	X	Viveiros	Jennifer	X
Curran	Catharine	X	VACANT			Wang	Honggang	
Darst	Robert		Lubinsky	Crystal		Winslow	Benjamin	X
Dawe	Megan	X	Lynch	Devon	X	Witzig	Stephen	
DeLuca	Katherine		Manke	David		Wood	Emma	X

31 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 2:06pm
- Admin Reminders (Brian Ayotte)
 - ∅ Email questions or comments for invited guests to the Faculty Senate email ahead of meeting
 - Allows for presenters to prepare responses and information
 - ∅ Email slides for presentation to the Faculty Senate email ahead of meeting
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ∅ Call for volunteers for the ad hoc facilities committee going out next week
 - Committee charge can be found on the myCourses site under ad hoc committees
 - ∅ Listening sessions for the Provost search are on the Provost website
 - Important for faculty to attend at least one
- Committee Reports
 - ∅ General Education Committee (Doug Roscoe & Matthew Sneider)
 - Review of committee's purpose & charge
 - Director and Assistant Director are not voting members of the committee, only administrative support
 - Course approvals and reapprovals
 - 11 new course approvals for University Studies since the last report
 - Most in Cluster 5
 - Unbundling of literature courses in the English Department

- New course numbers for those that can be offered regularly
 - Review of the reapproval process
 - Completed reapproval for Cluster 5 courses last year
 - 81 courses approved, 0 courses denied, 14 outstanding
 - Undergoing reapproval for Cluster 1 courses this year
 - 51 courses to reapprove
 - Due dates: 12/8 - Clusters 1A, 1B, and 1D; 2/16 - 1C; 4/12 - 1E
 - New programs
 - UThemes launched last year
 - Provide students with course organized around a particular theme called a playlist
 - University Studies Improvement program (USIP) also launched last year
 - No proposals received yet
- Approval of September and October minutes
 - ⌘ Motion made (Glauca Silva) and seconded (Steven Lohrenz)
 - ⌘ No additions or amendments – motion approved
- Committee Reports (cont'd)
 - ⌘ Graduate Council (Melissa Pacheco)
 - Meeting was recently held
 - Currently reviewing notes and files
 - Developing 2-5 areas to break into subcommittees based on need
- Course Cap/Retention Discussion (Pauline Entin)
 - ⌘ Retention update
 - Presentation of collected data – factors that impact student retention
 - Presentation on academic retention efforts on campus
 - ⌘ Course cap discussion
 - No set formula for determining course caps – determined at a local level
 - Need for smaller caps for retention courses
 - Faculty serving as instructor and advisor for students in the course in addition to their own advising load
 - Should be considered across the entire curriculum since retention applies to all class years
- New Business
 - ⌘ Ad hoc committees
 - Charges are completed and posted on myCourses
 - Grade appeal and grade amnesty committee
 - Asking facilitators and officers to join but not limited to them

- Erin Bromage will be chairing
 - Looking at the appeal process to simplify for students
 - Assessing the current grade amnesty period of 5 years
 - Facilities committee
 - Larger body and will likely form subcommittees
 - Chair will be elected when it convenes for first meeting
 - Request for all committees to schedule their spring meetings
 - Compliance with open meeting laws – meeting dates and times need to be announced within a reasonable amount of time
 - Seeking more clarification from general counsel
 - Faculty engagement on campus
 - Start discussion on potential barriers and facilitators for increasing faculty engagement
 - Barrier - physical space
 - No places for faculty to congregate
 - Possible facilitator – common time when classes aren't scheduled where meetings and events can be held to rebuild culture
 - Possible facilitator – hosting department events in visible places that are open to everyone
 - Barrier – poor marketing of events and opportunities to engage
 - Facilitator – Provost's office does provide funding for departments to run a seminar series
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ∅ Presentation of recent events highlighting promotions and internally-funded research
 - ∅ Spring registration starts on November 6th
 - Book orders need to be at the book store
 - ∅ Student course ratings survey for fall 2023 sent out
 - New questions from the Labor Management Committee being used for the first time
 - Open from November 26th – December 1st
 - ∅ UMass Dartmouth played a part in the success of the RI/MA region hub
 - One of President Biden's tech hubs
 - \$500 million available for the next phase
 - ∅ Discussion about faculty who receive research awards outside of sabbatical
 - Should establish a policy that supports inter-sabbatical research appointments
- Motion to Adjourn
 - ∅ Made (Jennifer Viveiros) and seconded