

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
 December 12, 2023
 3:30-5:30pm
 Zoom Videoconferencing

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Evans Shari		Mofford Kari	X
Ahrens Scott		Fair Meghan	X	Moisander Pia	
Anguelov Nick	X	Fields Keota		Msangi Ziddi	
Arkerson Robin	X	Fisher Anthony	X	Mulnix Jennifer	
Arora Anupama	X	Fisher Robert		Neto Catherine	X
Arruda Elisabeth	X	Fletcher Megan	X	O'Rielly Grant	X
Avery Shannon	X	Fowler Alex	X	Olitsky Neal	X
Ayotte Brian	X	Franz Laura		Owens Lisa	X
Barrett Diana	X	Gardner Catherine	X	Pacheco Sonia	X
Berggren Heidi	X	Gelmi Caroline	X	Rajaniemi Tara	
Bhowmick Sankha		Gulbrandsen Karen		Reda Danya	X
Borim Dario	X	Hall Maureen		Revell Andrew	
Botvin Joshua		Huang Rui		Roscoe Doug	X
Bowman Julie	X	Jia Xiaofei	X	Santavicca Nicholas	X
Bromage Erin		Kayumova Shakhnoza	X	Scarano Frank	
Buck Elisabeth	X	Khatib Firas	X	Schuler Monika	
Caldera Kathryn	X	Kim Saeja	X	Silby Mark	
Casero Eric	X	Kish Robin		Silva Glaucia	
Clark Jennifer	X	Klobucka Anna	X	Sneider Matthew	X
Cowles Geoff		Li Yuzhu	X	Tandon Amit	

Curran	Catharine		Lohrenz	Steven	X	Turcotte	Heather	X
Darst	Robert		Lubinsky	Crystal	X	Viveiros	Jennifer	
Dawe	Megan	X	Lynch	Devon		Wang	Honggang	
DeLuca	Katherine	X	Manke	David		Winslow	Benjamin	X
Dempsey	Anna		Manning	Kenneth	X	Witzig	Stephen	X
Eckert	Maureen	X	Marshall	Douglas		Wood	Emma	X
Eisenhart	Chris		Mehrtens	Cristina		Wilson	Mary	

35 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:33pm
- 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
 - Does not preclude from asking questions or follow-up questions during meeting
 - ☒ Email slides for presentation to the Faculty Senate email ahead of meeting
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ☒ Update re Ad Hoc Committees
 - 25 volunteers to serve on the Facilities Committee
 - Will meet at the beginning of the spring semester
 - ☒ Pay raises should be completed by late February
 - Important for faculty to attend at least one
 - ☒ Senate committee meetings are no subject to open meeting laws per UMass General Counsel
 - Minutes will stay in-house on the myCourses site
 - ☒ Transitioning to hybrid meeting schedule next semester
- Approval of November minutes
 - ☒ Motion made (Eric Casero) and seconded (Doug Roscoe)
 - ☒ No additions or amendments – motion approved
- Committee Reports

- Will update on any progress
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ☒ Unexpected passing of Dr. Yuegang Zuo
 - ☒ Highlight 2 junior faculty on achievements
 - Professor Bombardi received \$500,000 award from the Environmental Protection Agency
 - Professor Ling received the National Science Foundation Career Award
 - ☒ Faculty Federation Annual Awards
 - Scholar of the Year: Pamela Karimi
 - Leo M. Sullivan Teacher of the Year: Hong Liu
 - Bruce Sparfven ESU Service Award: Brian Sullivan
 - ☒ Reminder to submit grades no later than December 20th
 - ☒ Reminder on textbook submissions for the spring semester
 - ☒ Update on spring 2024 registrations
 - Numbers are up compared to last year
- Student Affairs (Kimberly Scott)
 - ☒ CARE process
 - Information usually does not come back to faculty, but there should be a confirmation email once a case has been submitted
 - ☒ Book vouchers
 - Challenge in getting students to use the vouchers
 - Preference for refund instead
 - Trying to find a better way for students who qualify to actually use their vouchers
 - ☒ Working on students using the resources available to them to succeed academically
 - ☒ Hosting training sessions for faculty on a variety of topics
 - ☒ Working with OFD to do another book group
 - *My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned by Becoming a Student*
- Motion to Adjourn
 - ☒ Made and seconded