

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
 September 22, 2023
 2-4pm
 Zoom Videoconferencing

Members present:

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

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

31 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Administrative Notes (Brian Ayotte)
 - ☒ Welcome
 - ☒ Retirement of Ralph Clifford
 - ☒ Application of Robert's Rules to debates
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ☒ Thank you for your participation
 - ☒ Thank you to Doug, Katy, and Kari
 - ☒ Professional development & wellness opportunity on September 27th on stress and burnout
 - ☒ Introduction on new voting process via Zoom room and Qualtrics
- Call to Order at 2:15pm
- Approval of May 4th minutes
 - ☒ Motion made (Andrew Revell) and seconded (Doug Roscoe)
 - No objections – Minutes approved
- Board of Trustees Representative's Report (Doug Roscoe)
 - ☒ BOT met on September 21st – both representatives were unable to attend because they were teaching
 - ☒ Attended the joint meeting of the BOT's Administration and Finance Committee and Academic and Student Affairs Committee
 - ☒ Administration & Finance

- UMass system ended last fiscal year with a 4.4% positive operating margin
 - Each campus overperformed its budget projection
 - Enrollment is up overall across the system
 - Down a tiny bit in undergraduate enrollment, up with graduate and outstate enrollments
 - Salary increases create a funding challenge
 - Deferred maintenance across system at \$4.8 billion
 - ∅ Academic and Student Affairs
 - Application sharing process
 - In the past, UMass Amherst had application process where students who were not admitted were automatically directed to our Admissions
 - Process is now rolled out to other UMass campuses
 - ∅ New staff members in the President's office
 - Interim Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Equity
 - Deputy Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Equity
- Chancellor's Remarks (Mark Fuller)
 - ∅ Budget forum within the next few weeks
 - ∅ State of the campus
 - Highest first year student class since 2015
 - All-time record graduate student class
 - Cost estimates have increased
 - Caused by coming out of pandemic and the building projects that have been on hold nationwide – supply chains are limited resulting in inflation
 - LARTS building renovation
 - \$72 million from the state
 - Costs have increased to \$97 million because of new green energy codes, etc.
 - Highest amount of deferred maintenance in UMass system
 - ∅ Future of CVPA and Star Store
 - Explanation of what happened with the Star Store
 - ∅ Capital projects
 - LARTS building renovation
 - Take out a bond to cover the difference between the actual costs and what was received from the state
 - Recent completion of SENG building renovation
 - New telecommunications equipment for the Grand Reading Room
 - ∅ Strategic planning
 - Interested in getting colleges and units involved to discuss goals and the university's objectives on recruitment, retention, reputation, etc.

- There will be an upcoming forum
- Unfinished Business
 - ⊘ Update on Health & Society Department formation
 - Still under consideration & issues are being discussed
 - ⊘ Update on Learning Management System
 - Looking into pricing and packages
 - Faculty Senate and relevant committees and stakeholders will be consulted at the next decision point – most likely transition and implementation
- New Business
 - ⊘ Creation of new ad hoc committees (Brian Ayotte)
 - Steering Committee is exploring the need and will develop them soon
 - Grade Appeal Process
 - Evaluating different models to make the process more user-friendly from the student perspective
 - Academic Integrity
 - Currently housed primarily in Student Affairs
 - Ensure faculty have a voice in the process to add necessary perspective of academic consequences of decisions
 - Facilities
 - Start as ad hoc and convert to standing
 - Important matter for faculty given the upcoming LARTS renovation, Star Store closure and relocation of classes, etc.
 - ⊘ Recommended course caps (Meghan Fair)
 - Discussion
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ⊘ Institution has tripled the number of international students
 - Now working to support these students
 - ⊘ Online and continuing education seeing double digit growth
 - MOUs with SouthCoast Hospital Group and Amazon
 - ⊘ Increasing funding available for professional travel
 - ⊘ Incentivizing faculty to adopt and create open source resources for students
 - ⊘ Slate for Student Success launched in the summer
 - Seamlessly share information about students
- Motion to Adjourn
 - ⊘ Made (Doug Roscoe) and seconded