

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2021  
3-5pm  
Zoom Videoconferencing

- Approval of February 6th minutes
  - Motion made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Kenneth Manning)
  - No objections
  - Minutes approved
- President's Report (Doug Roscoe)
  - Procedures for College Curriculum revisions
    - Review of the process
    - Inquiry from Christopher Eisenhart re ambiguity in language
    - Statement from Grant O'Rielly re term 'primacy' as it relates to the origin point of the curriculum revision
    - Statements from Kenneth Manning that Chancellor has ultimate decision and that it only takes one faculty member to make a recommendation
  - Election schedule
    - Inquiry from Christopher Eisenhart requesting sample ballot prior to actual voting
  - Misconduct policy
    - Still pending - waiting on Chancellor Fuller's review and comments
  - Post-pandemic briefing forum
    - Discussion hosted by Faculty Senate to discuss what items that were developed during the pandemic that would be beneficial moving forward
- Provost's Report (Acting Provost Michael Goodman)
  - Fall 2021 re-opening plan
    - Working w/Robert Jones & students on what to do
  - Highlight scholarship recognition event that took place
  - Becker College update
    - Final status has not been determined yet
  - Inquiry from Jay Wang re critical hiring
- Update re SENG renovations (Christina Bowen)
  - Infrastructure updates and renovations
  - Renovations are on schedule
    - Inquiry from Kenneth Manning re bathrooms and whether the old bathrooms were being renovated in addition to the building of new ones
    - Inquiry from Amit Tandon re existence of drinking water in SENG
    - Inquiry from Doug Roscoe re whether new roof and flashing will take care of the leaks

- Committee reports
  - Student Activities Committee
    - Not much to share at the moment
    - Developing annual action plan for the committee
  - SFAAC
    - Excused Absence Policy Recommendation
      - Inquiry from Arpita Joardar re whether policy is for both on-ground and online
      - Inquiry from Viviane Saleh-Hanna re sensitivity in the language about how to ask for documentation
      - Inquiry from Jennifer Vivieros re courses that have time-required commitments (i.e. clinicals, internships, etc.)
      - Motion to recommit recommendation back to committee
        - Made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Arpita Joardar)
        - No objections to recommit to SFAAC
      - Statement from Tom Boone that Student Affairs used to handle sensitive issues
      - Inquiry from Viviane Saleh-Hanna about confidentiality in addition to sensitivity
      - Statement from Amanda VanVoorhis re requirements for student athletes' absences
      - Inquiry from Ralph Clifford that familiar commitments/obligations are not included on the list of excused absences
- Unfinished Business
  - Resolution re Unity House disruption
    - Motion to adopt statement in order to proceed to amendments
      - Made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Nancy O'Connor)
      - Revision of the resolution
    - Motion to strike the text of the original statement and replace with revision
      - Made (Viviane Saleh-Hanna) and seconded (Eric Larson)
      - Motion carries 21 votes in favor & 0 against/absentions
    - Vote on the original motion to adopt the resolution as a statement of the Faculty Senate
      - Motion carries 25 votes in favor & 0 against/absentions
- New Business
  - Issues re Becker College Transfers
    - Transfers not teach-outs
      - Issues with this target population deal with credit hours
    - There are four motions regarding this issue

- Motion that the Faculty Senate recommend the following change to academic policies vis-a-vis Becker College transfers
- Made (Robert Darst) and seconded (Ralph Clifford)
  - Discussion about the motion and the number of academic credits required to be taken at UMass Dartmouth
  - Friendly amendment to amend current motion to change amount from credits from 45 to 30 to comply with NECHE requirements
  - Vote on the motion
    - Motion carries 26 votes in favor and 0 against/absentions
- Motion to Adjourn
  - Made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Arpita Joardar)