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)