Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022
3-5pm
Zoom Videoconferencing

- Call to Order at 3:06pm
- Approval of April 14th minutes
  - Motion made (Glaucia Silva) and seconded (Ziddi Msangi)
    - Vote through Blackboard
      - Motion approved – 94% in favor, 0% against, 6% abstain
- President’s Report (Doug Roscoe)
  - Reminders re administrative rules and procedures for Zoom meetings
  - Introduction & explanation of Parliamentarian
  - Senior Administrator reviews have been completed
    - Deans VanderGheynst, Jenkens, and Gross
  - Chancellor interested in continuing forums in the fall
  - Capital projects – rundown of projects for the next 18 months
- Provost’s Report (Acting Provost Ram Bala)
  - Enrollment update
    - Deposits are up for first-time, full-time students
  - Retention Committee update
    - Meeting regularly to identify obstacles to registration
    - Looking for electronic advising platform
- Early College Program Presentation (Michael Goodman)
  - Commonwealth Collegiate Academy (CCA)
  - Students in junior/senior year in high school can take college courses
    - Extending access to college at no cost & exposure to UMass Dartmouth
  - District partners: New Bedford High, Durfee, Taunton, and Brockton
  - Question from Heidi Berggren re use of UMassD resources
    - Details are still being worked out – learn about where issues are
  - Question from Sonia Pacheco about Dartmouth High School not being included
    - Dartmouth already participates through dual enrollment; Dartmouth does not reflect diversity that is targeted for this program
  - Question from Doug Roscoe about data and metrics
    - President’s Office is securing independent agency to handle data and metrics
  - Question from Adam Hausknecht re technology for courses, specifically math
  - Ray Laoulache re how we do not compete with community colleges
  - UMass Dartmouth working with CONNECT partnership to ensure we do not compete
Committee reports
- Student Faculty Academic Affairs Committee (Doug Roscoe)
  - Residency requirement – Motion: drop from 45 to 30
    - At least 21 credits at upper-level courses
  - Academic minors
    - Motion 1: Allow incoming freshmen to declare a minor
    - Motion 2: Strike language prohibiting double-counting courses – leave to department to decide
  - Discussion about proposed changes
  - Motion to postpone Academic Minors – Motion 1 to the first meeting of the fall (Stephanie O’Hara) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
    - No objections – Motion carries
  - Residency requirement and Academic minors – Motion 2 – hold off until some time in the fall
- University Curriculum Committee (Sonia Pacheco)
  - Met total of 4 times this year
  - 7 proposals considered
- Technology Committee (Beste Gucler)
  - Met total of 3 times this year
  - Large issues handled:
    - Merging of committee with the Library Committee
    - VPN access to Linux computers
  - Recommendations:
    - Technology Committee should be at table discussions on technology changes that will impact faculty
    - Technology Committee & CITS should meet to talk about how technology is impacting teaching & research

Unfinished Business
- None

New Business
- Officer Voting
  - Explanation of voting process
  - Voting through Qualtrics after meeting ends
- Recognition of Professor Emeriti
  - Tony Costa, Paul Fortier, Alan Hirshfeld, Irene Scharf
    - Motion to recognize (R. Tom Boone) and seconded (Nancy O’Connor)
    - No objections – Motion carried

Motion to adjourn
- Motion made (Dario Borim) and seconded (Crystal Lubinsky)