

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020
3-5pm
Zoom Videoconferencing

- Point of Order re Special Meeting (Ralph Clifford)
 - Objection: Not enough senators present for quorum & proper vote
 - President decided...
 - Motion: Decision by Senate President re Point of Order is overturned & objection stands
 - Motion carries by 68% (32 votes)
- Administrative notes
 - Reminder that voting is via Vevox
 - Chat restriction to only host & co-host
 - Robust discussion about restriction
- Bylaws Committee Report (Catharine Curran-Kelly)
 - Proposal of parliamentarian position
 - Limiting chat to only informal conversations
 - Motion: Enable chat with expectations for limited use
 - Motion carries by 78%
- President's Report (Doug Roscoe)
 - Retention Intervention Team (Student Affairs)
 - Created confusion among the students
 - Student Affairs overlapping with Colleges
 - Committee Updates
 - SFAAC is adding a voting graduate student member
 - Graduate Program is looking for student volunteers
 - Study Abroad is looking for members
 - UMass Global
 - No faculty involvement from any UMass campus
 - Unanswered questions about degree issuance and impact on current online programs
- Provost's Office Report (Acting Provost Goodman)
 - Fall 2020 – all classes after Thanksgiving will be remote
 - Spring 2021 planning
 - Increase in number of students residing on campus
- Approval of October 13th minutes
 - Motion made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Ralph Clifford)
- Title IX Presentation (Chief Diversity Officer David Gomes & Title IX Investigator Mary Beckwith)

- Updates on Title IX changes as applied to students, faculty, and staff
- Changes in definitions of certain terms
- Use of live hearings which include cross-examination
- Changes to parameter criteria
- New website will be live soon with all updates and changes
- Brief explanation of the Title IX investigation process
- SFAAC Report re Honorlock (Dilshod Achilov)
 - Discussion of recommendations regarding the use of Honorlock
 - Discussion of concerns surrounding privacy and student anxiety
- Policy issues related to the Pandemic
 - Pass/No credit: robust discussion about implementing for the fall
 - Motion: Extend pass/fail deadline to December 8th
 - Motion carries by 78% (23 votes)
- Motion to Adjourn
 - Made (Robert Darst) and seconded (Arpita Joardar)