

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2021  
3-5pm  
Zoom Videoconferencing

- Approval of September 9th minutes
  - Motion made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Shari Evans)
    - No objections - Minutes approved
- President's Report (Doug Roscoe)
  - Scantron phase out
    - Transition to new system by spring
    - Possible demonstration of new system at November forum
  - Evaluation of senior administrators (Third Year)
    - Discussion within Steering Committee of changes to the process
      - Current system is an evaluation committee through random draw
        - Involves use of surveys that are relatively similar
      - Proposal: Use of standardized survey
        - Possible to evaluate and revise questions yearly
  - Reading of Statement from Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) re racist emails from UMass Amherst
  - Ad Hoc Accessibility Committee
    - Interest in restarting
    - Charge: Make campus more accessible for those with physical or sensory disabilities
    - Contact Doug or Kari if interested in serving
- Board of Trustees Representative's Report (Grant O'Rielly)
  - Meeting was held on September 30th
    - Outlined UMass Global
  - Emphasis on the importance of maintaining a positive operating margin
  - Crafting IFC statement re racist emails
- Provost's Report (Acting Provost Michael Goodman)
  - Collaboration with regional K-12 school districts to build dual enrollment opportunities
    - Embrace concept of early college
    - Expand access & build pipeline of enrollment
  - CONNECT4Wind
    - Currently includes UMass Dartmouth, Bristol Community College, and Massachusetts Maritime Academy
    - Announcement soon that rest of the CONNECT partners will be joining

- Good timing for external funding opportunities as well as in the areas of research and workforce development
- Committee reports
  - By-Laws Committee (Cathy Curran)
    - Motion 1: Adding Parliamentarian to Steering Committee
      - No discussion or objections - Voting to be conducted via Qualtrics
    - Motion 2: Adding Provision for Executive Session
      - Discussion re use of executive session
      - Question re Compliance with Open Meeting Laws
        - If motion approved, we need to ensure we are compliant if necessary
      - No discussion or objections - Voting to be conducted via Qualtrics
    - Motion 3a: Changing description of composition of Senate
      - Discussion of titles included in composition
      - Referred back to committee for clarity
    - Motion 3b: Expanding Senate to include PTLs and additional at-large senators
      - Discussion about details for expanded senate composition
      - Motion made to amend to limit the additional at-large senators to full-time members (Alex Fowler) and seconded (Grant O'Rielly)
        - Motion carries - 27 for and 7 against
      - Friendly amendment motion to limit PTLs to 3 from any given department (Grant O'Rielly) and seconded (Ben Viall)
        - Motion carries - no objections
      - Voting to be conducted via Qualtrics
  - Unfinished Business
    - None
  - New Business
    - Center Reviews
      - Center for Molecular Diagnostics & Kaput Center
      - List of current faculty members not available
        - Steering committee to conduct random drawing
          - No objections raised
    - Resolution re Fall Grading Policy
      - Motion made (Arpita Joardar) and seconded (Saeja Kim)
        - Discussion re resolution language
        - Friendly amendment made (Christopher Eisenhart) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
          - Unanimous consent - no objections

- Motion carries: 28 for and 0 against
- Meeting adjourned (Doug Roscoe)