

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
 September 9, 2021  
 3-5pm  
 LIB 206

**Members present:**

	Present		Present		Present
Ahrens Scott		Fair Meghan		Moisander Pia	
Anguelov Nick		Fisher Robert	X	Msangi Ziddi	X
Arkerson Robin	X	Fowler Alex	X	O'Connor Nancy	X
Arora Anupama		Fugate Jennifer		O'Hara Stephanie	X
Ayotte Brian	X	Gulbrandsen Karen	X	O'Rielly Grant	X
Bhowmick Sankha		Heryudono Alfa	X	Orrill Chandra	X
Boone R. Tom	X	Jia Xiaofei	X	Powers Theodore	
Bowers Michelle		Joardar Arpita	X	Reda Danya	X
Bromage Erin		Kim Saeja	X	Roscoe Doug	X
Casero Eric	X	Klobucka Anna	X	Saleh-Hanna Viviane	
Clifford Ralph		Kush Jonathan	X	Scarano Frank	X
Costa Antonio		Larson Eric		Silby Mark	
Cowles Geoff		Lubinsky Crystal		Silva Glaucia	X
Curran Cathy	X	Manning Kenneth		Tandon Amit	
Darst Rob		McGuire Chad		Viall Benjamin	X
Eisenhart Chris	X	Miraglia Caterina		Viveiros Jennifer	X
Evans Shari		Mofford Kari	X	Witzig Stephen	

**6 GUESTS:**

Ram Balasubramanian  
 J. Jerue  
 Shannon Jenkins

Paul Bacdayan  
Chan Du  
Chancellor Mark Fuller

## **FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA**

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- Remarks by Chancellor Mark Fuller
  - Highlights from his experience on campus thus far
    - Nice momentum on our research
    - Research experience is a unique characteristic for UMassD - sets us apart
  - Challenges
    - Repairing relationships with community and legislators
    - Enrolling and retaining students
    - Reduced workforce
  - Outline what Chancellor believes his job entails
    - Financial and strategic positioning of the university
- Provost's Report
  - Expression of appreciation for hard work completed to prepare campus for re-opening
  - Update on PERT's efforts
    - Monitoring and making adjustments as necessary
  - HR is handling accommodation requests
    - No modality changes for courses this semester
- Call to Order at 3:32pm
- Review and approval of minutes from the May meeting
  - No objections; minutes approved
- President's Report (Doug Roscoe)
  - VC Student Affairs Search - Underway
    - Already looking at candidates
    - Hoping to make an offer to finalist by Thanksgiving
  - Provost Search - Starting soon
    - Timeframe for hiring is most likely the summer
  - Campus Climate Study - Development ongoing
    - Experience on campus generally and specifically related to diversity and racial sensitivity
    - Should be rolled out in the near future
  - Steering Committee over the summer published an op-ed in The Boston Globe re role of politics in higher education

- Senate Forum is scheduled for 9/21 from 3-5pm via Zoom
  - Agenda still in development but the focus will be on race, diversity, and university climate issues
- Policy and Process Review Committee is underutilized
- Secretary's Report (Kari Mofford)
  - Reaching out to committees to provide them with their charges for the year
  - Presentations by specific committees at Senate meetings
    - This month: By-laws
    - Next month: Admissions, General Education
  - Copies of Robert's Rules of Order are available at the Circulation desk for pick up by each senator
    - Senators can keep their copy for the duration of their term
- Presentation by PERT Team
  - Update website with answers to questions
    - Discussion about additional ways to reach out and pass along information to students
  - Discussion about air circulation in classrooms and buildings
- Unfinished Business
  - Postponed motions on by-laws revision
    - Motion 1: Changing the membership of the Senate & addition of parliamentarian
      - Robust discussion on proposed revision re inclusion of PTLs
      - Motion to refer back to committee for further action
        - Motion made (Alex Fowler) and seconded (Anna Klobucka)
        - Vote by raise of hands - referred back to committee
  - Motion 2: Change to Steering Committee- President Pro Tempore
    - No objections
    - Voting will be completed via Qualtrics
  - Discussion about the proposed parliamentarian position
- New Business
  - Resolution on Fall Grade Policies
    - Motion to move to the next Senate meeting
      - No objections; moved to next meeting