

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

3:00-5:00pm

Grand Reading Room

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Eisenhart Christopher	X	Mehrtens Cristina	
Alves Heloisa	X	Evans Shari	X	Mofford Kari	X
Anguelov Nick		Fair Meghan	X	Moisander Pia	
Arkerson Robin	X	Fields Keota	X	Msangi Ziddi	X
Arora Anupama	X	Fisher Robert		Mulnix Jennifer	X
Ayotte Brian	X	Fletcher Megan		Neto Catherine	X
Berggren Heidi		Franz Laura		O'Rielly Grant	
Bhowmick Sankha		Gardner Catherine		Owens Lisa	
Boone R. Thomas	X	Gelmi Caroline	X	Pacheco Sonia	X
Borim Dario	X	Heffernan Lorraine	X	Peltz-Steele Richard	X
Botvin Joshua		Huang Rui	X	Peteva Elena	
Bowman Julie	X	Hunter Revell Susan		Rai Bharatendra	X
Bromage Erin		Jackson Kristopher	X	VACANT	
Cai Shuwei		Kayumova Shakhnoza		Rioux Amanda	
Caldera Kathryn		Khatib Firas	X	Roscoe Douglas	X
Casero Eric	X	Kim Saeja	X	Santavicca Nicholas	X
Chang Wencheng		Kish Robin		Scarano Frank	X
Clark Jennifer		Lanza Cait		Schuler Monika	
Clinton Christopher	X	LeSeure Peeranuch		Shea Timothy	X
Cowles Geoffrey		Lohrenz Steven		Silby Mark	

Curran	Catharine		Lubinsky	Crystal	X	Silva	Glaucia	X
Darst	Robert	X	Lynch	Devon	X	Sneider	Matthew	X
Dawe	Megan	X	Manke	David	X	Tandon	Amit	X
DeLuca	Katherine		Manning	Kenneth	X	VACANT		
Dempsey	Anna		Mayes	Maricris	X	Wilson	Mary	X
Drew	Margaret	X	McGuire	Chad	X	Wood	Emma	X
Eckert	Maureen		McHenry	Kristen		Xing	Liudong	X

20 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:08pm
- Approval of September minutes
 - ⌘ Motion made (Douglas Roscoe) and seconded (Lorraine Heffernan)
 - ⌘ No objections – Motion approved
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ⌘ Thanks to everyone serving on committees
 - Special thanks to Kari for helping move committees forward
 - ⌘ Tour of the LARTS building construction
 - ⌘ Creation of an ad hoc Committee on Campus Climate
 - Focus on ways to improve campus morale
- By-Laws Committee (Grant O'Rielly)
 - ⌘ Amendment 1 – Motion to Amend By-Laws E.3.i
 - Clarify officer elections
 - Motion to adopt Amendment 1 made (Douglas Roscoe) and seconded (Glaucia Silva)
 - Move to Qualtrics for vote
 - ⌘ Amendment 2 – Motion to Amend By-Laws C.3.c
 - Creation of Academic Council Liaisons to facilitate committee meetings
 - Motion to adopt Amendment 1 made (Douglas Roscoe) and seconded (Glaucia Silva)
 - Move to Qualtrics for vote
- Committee Reports

- ⌘ None
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ⌘ National Institute for Student Success (NISS) Stakeholder Survey
 - ⌘ First open house – October 18th
 - ⌘ Nursing accreditation site visit last week
 - ⌘ Census completed last week, and retention rate is 67.52%
 - ⌘ AI task force has been launched
- Invited Guests
 - ⌘ Career Curriculum Committee (Shannon Jenkins and Sarah Cosgrove)
 - Background on the committee's creation
 - Summary of the work done by the committee
 - Draft learning outcomes developed by the Committee
 - Next steps
 - Feedback on learning outcomes
 - Submitting an implementation grant proposal
 - ⌘ UMassD Ready (Sarah Cosgrove)
 - Overview of the program
 - Positive feedback from students
- Unfinished Business
 - ⌘ None
- New Business
 - ⌘ Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Climate
 - Charge: Development recommendations to promote positive perceptions and attitudes
 - ⌘ Campus events announcements
 - ⌘ Marine Fisheries Institute five-year review
 - Review committee selection: Diego Bernal (Primary) and Heidi Berggren (Backup)
- Motion to adjourn (Christopher Eisenhart) and seconded (Shari Evans)
 - ⌘ Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm