

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2024
3:00-5:00pm
Grand Reading Room

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod		Eisenhart Chris		McHenry Kristen	
Anguelov Nick	x	Evans Shari		Mehrtens Cristina	
Arkerson Robin		Fair Meghan	x	Mofford Kari	x
Arora Anupama		Fields Keota		Moisander Pia	x
Arruda Elisabeth	x	Fisher Robert		Msangi Ziddi	x
VACANT		Fletcher Megan		Mulnix Jennifer	
Ayotte Brian	x	Franz Laura		Neto Catherine	
Barrett Diana	x	Gardner Catherine		O’Rielly Grant	x
Berggren Heidi		Gelmi Caroline	x	Owens Lisa	
Botvin Joshua		Gulbrandsen Karen		Pacheco Sonia	
Bowman Julie	x	Hall Maureen		Peteva Elena	
Bromage Erin	x	Heffernan Lorraine	x	Rajaniemi Tara	
VACANT		Huang Rui		Revell Andrew	x
Caldera Kathryn		Kayumova Shakhnoza		Roscoe Doug	x
Casero Eric	x	Khatib Firas		Santavicca Nicholas	x
Chalivendra Vijaya		Kim Saeja	x	Scarano Frank	x
Clark Jennifer	x	Kish Robin		Schuler Monika	
Clinton Christopher	x	Klobucka Anna	x	Shea Timothy	
VACANT		Li Yuzhu	x	Silby Mark	x
Cowles Geoff		Lohrenz Steven	x	Silva Glaucia	x

Curran	Catharine		Lubinsky	Crystal		Sneider	Matthew	x
Darst	Robert		Lynch	Devon		Tandon	Amit	
Dawe	Megan		Manke	David	x	Turcotte	Heather	
DeLuca	Katherine		Manning	Kenneth	x	Viveiros	Jennifer	
Dempsey	Anna	x	Marshall	Douglas	x	Winslow	Benjamin	
Drew	Margaret		Mayes	Maricris	x	Wood	Emma	x
Eckert	Maureen		McGuire	Chad	x	Xing	Liudong	x

10 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:07pm
- Administrative Notes
 - ⌘ Use microphone for questions and comments
- Approval of November minutes
 - ⌘ Motion to approve (Glaucia Silva) and seconded (Steven Lohrenz)
 - No amendments, additions, or oppositions – Motion approved
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ⌘ Special elections – Nominations are closed, and elections are now open
 - ⌘ Grade appeals board is looking for a College of Engineering representative
 - ⌘ Request for committees to meet as soon as possible & schedule their meetings for spring semester
- Committee Reports
 - ⌘ Library Committee (Sara Pike)
 - Committee met twice this semester
 - Library has crafted a new mission statement and finalizing its value statements
 - Goals:
 - Implementation of an institutional repository
 - Process started last year with review of available software & selection of software
 - Soft launch of repository in early February

- Review of library policies and procedures considering new mission and values
 - Development of communication plan to share impact and availability of library resources and materials
- Projects
 - Review and potential survey of faculty regarding library-related tutorials
 - Monitor the issue of library staffing
- ⌘ Policy & Process Review Committee (Lorraine Heffernan)
 - Did not meet this semester; last meet in March 2024
 - Will schedule meetings for spring 2025
 - This year's tasks
 - Looking at incomplete policies across the UMass campuses
- Invited Guests
 - ⌘ Update on Microsoft Authenticator (Holger Dippel)
 - Only about 50% of users migrated to Authenticator by the deadline
 - Force migrated the remaining 50%
 - Ability to Remember for 30 days has been added at log in
 - Like Duo had
 - Safety recommendations
 - Register multiple methods of authentication
 - Lock your computer when you are not at your desk
 - Only respond to Authenticator when you are logging in
 - If you receive a request to authenticate and you are not logging in, then it is likely a scammer
 - Monitoring activity
 - Ability to selectively prompt specific user groups for authentication
- New Business
 - ⌘ Announcement of upcoming events
 - ⌘ Vote of No Confidence Process
 - Posted on myCourses for comments and discussion
 - Changes offered by Chad McGuire were reviewed and mostly accepted
 - Review of the proposed process in detail
 - Background: Proposal by Grant O'Rielly and Cathy Curran several years ago & developed further by the Steering and By-Laws Committees
 - Goal: Fair and deliberative process
 - Serves as measure of last resort
 - Provides enough time within the process to resolve issues
 - Involves both the Senate and affected faculty

- Walk through of the proposed steps
 - Motion to move the proposed process forward made (Grant O’Rielly) and seconded (Doug Roscoe)
 - Motion to add /Library to the definition of eligible units (Chad McGuire) and seconded
 - Vote: Yes: majority, Abstain: 2, No: 0 – Motion passes
 - Motion to add language that the Steering Committee must certify no later than 28 calendar days after receipt of petition made (Meghan Fair) and seconded
 - Vote: Yes: majority, Abstain: 1, No: 0 – Motion passes
 - Robust discussion
 - Motion to postpone the vote to a meeting, at which time more information is gathered about confidentiality of the process made (Doug Roscoe) and seconded (Erin Bromage)
 - Vote: Yes: Majority, Abstain: 1, No: 0 – Motion passes
- Unfinished Business
 - ⌘ None
- Provost’s Report (Ram Bala)
 - ⌘ Meet with faculty leadership on a regular basis
 - ⌘ Looking for additional opportunities to meet with faculty
 - Soup and Salad with the Provost – meet with 15-20 faculty members every 3 weeks or so
 - Opportunity to understand how things are going and how to offer support
 - ⌘ Interested in developing faculty leadership
 - ⌘ Working on offering a Provost Faculty Fellows Program – opportunity for faculty to work directly with the Provost’s Office
 - ⌘ Update on research expenditures
 - ⌘ Update on retention (Sarah Cosgrove)
 - Mid-semester Progress Report results – impactful for students
 - Mid-semester satisfaction survey results
 - ⌘ Update on student success initiatives
 - ⌘ Discussion about VSIP
- Invited Guests (Cont’d)
 - ⌘ Presentation on Student Affairs (Kimberly Scott)
 - New Student Code of Conduct
 - Instill accountability and respect in our students
 - Work to create a more seamless process where students feel heard and valued
 - Overview of changes

- Student Activities Fee
 - Dartmouth and Boston campuses had the lowest fees
 - First fee increase in 5 years
 - Breakdown of the fee distribution to the various student organizations
 - Fees distributed by the Student Fee Allocation Committee
- CARES program referral
 - All referrals should receive a confirmation of the referral
 - Discussion about reporting and Title IX where students view referrals as harassment, discrimination, or retaliation
- Motion to adjourn (Andrew Revell) and seconded (Saeja Kim)