

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025
3:00-5:00pm
LIB 207

Members present:

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

Dawe	Megan	X	Lynch	Devon	X	Sneider	Matthew	X
DeLuca	Katherine		Manke	David		Tandon	Amit	
Dempsey	Anna		Manning	Kenneth	X	Turcotte	Heather	
Drew	Margaret		Marshall	Douglas	X	Viveiros	Jennifer	X
VACANT			Mayes	Maricris		Winslow	Benjamin	
Eisenhart	Christopher		McGuire	Chad	X	Wood	Emma	X
Evans	Shari	X	McHenry	Kristen	X	Xing	Liudong	

10 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:09pm
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ⌘ Location for May meeting will be announced soon
 - ⌘ Copies of Robert's Rules is available for all senators at the Library circulation desk
 - Reminder that once debate is closed, further public discussion is closed
 - ⌘ By-laws vote for the No Confidence Process did not pass
 - Invitation for ideas, thoughts, or concerns to be sent to the By-Laws Committee
- Approval of March minutes
 - ⌘ Motion made (Glaucia Silva) and seconded (Christopher Clinton)
 - No amendments, additions, or opposition – Motion approved
- Committee Reports
 - ⌘ University Curriculum Committee (Christopher Clinton)
 - Update
 - About 65 proposals this year
 - 61 approved between January-March
- Unfinished Business
 - ⌘ Academic Integrity Process (Dilshod Achilov)
 - Committee adopted all recommendations suggested at the March meeting
 - Application to both undergraduate and graduate students
 - Minor editing to change 'respondent' to 'student'
 - Language added about legal representation

- Language about the decision being binding
- Each member of the Board represents an academic council
- Motion to Recommend the Amended Policy
 - Made (Doug Roscoe) and seconded (Anna Klobucka)
 - Discussion
 - Purview of the Board regarding grades
 - Clarification about whether the Board would override the individual faculty member's grade assignment
 - Board's focus on whether academic integrity violation occurred
 - Amendment to add language that the final grade rests in the hand of the individual faculty member
 - Made (Sherri Evans) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
 - Amendment to the amendment that further grade disputes would be taken to the Grade Appeals Committee
 - Made (Eric Casero) and seconded (Shari Evans)
 - Vote: 1 Abstain | 0 No | Rest Yes – Amendment passes
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 - Clarification about need for language about legal representation
 - Motion to strike bullet number one
 - Made (Shari Evans) and seconded (Glaucia Silva)
 - Motion to amend the rewrite bullet number one to “Student and faculty member agree that a violation of the code of student conduct is present but disagree on the level of infraction.”
 - Made (Shari Evans) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
 - Vote: 0 Abstain | 0 No | All Yes – Motion passes
 - Vote to recommend policy: 0 Abstain | 0 No | All Yes – Motion passes

⌘ Academic Freedom Statement

- Feedback/revisions from Chancellor
 - Discussion about suggested revisions
 - Motion to refuse to accept changes (Grant O’Rielly) and seconded

- Motion to amend to text after the First Amendment clause back in
 - Made (Doug Roscoe) and seconded (Meghan Fair)
 - Vote: 4 Abstain | 0 No | Rest Yes
 - Vote: 1 Abstain | 0 No | Rest Yes – Motion passes
 - Recommendations will be sent back to the Chancellor
- New Business
 - ⌘ Fresh Start Policy (formerly known as Grade Amnesty Policy (Brian Ayotte)
 - Proposed changes
 - Reduce the time period from 5 years to 2 years
 - Probation and dismissal rules will apply to those admitted with grade amnesty
 - Subject to dismissal after the second semester
 - Motion to recommend policy
 - Made (Doug Roscoe) and seconded (Monika Schuler)
 - Amendment to extend the time to invoke grade amnesty from time of admission to within the first year of readmission
 - Made (Shari Evans) and seconded (Doug Roscoe)
 - Vote: 2 Abstain | 0 No | Rest Yes
 - ⌘ Joint statement between Faculty Senate and Faculty Federation on academic freedom
 - Motion to move forward with statement and accept as a joint statement
 - Made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - Motion to amend to have a date clearly added to the document
 - Made (Meghan Fair) and seconded
 - Vote: 0 Abstain | 0 No | All Yes
 - Vote: 1 Abstain | 0 No | Rest Yes
 - ⌘ Statement in support of Academic Defense Compacts
 - Motion to support UMass Amherst's efforts in developing Academic Defense Compacts
 - Made (Grant O'Rielly) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - Vote: 1 Abstain | 0 No | Rest Yes
 - ⌘ Upcoming events
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ⌘ Enrollment numbers
 - Update on current undergraduate deposits compared to previous years
 - Update on graduate enrollment numbers
 - Increase in domestic applications
 - Decrease in international applications, but deposits are not as bad
 - Largest pool of law school students to date
 - Results from March's Accepted Students Day
 - ⌘ Budget update

- As of right now, level funding as FY 25
- Adjustments might need to happen during the year
- Walk through the budget at upcoming Town Hall meeting
- ☞ International faculty and student update
 - 200 students attended an in-person meeting about pertinent information on what they need to do, resources available to them
 - Separate meeting held for international faculty and staff
 - Any concerns should be directed to Tesfay Meressi
- ☞ Faculty leadership opportunities
 - Deadline for Provost Leadership Fellows has passed but still accepting nominations
 - Reach out to Shannon Jenkins
 - Leadership Development Series
 - Career Curriculum Development Committee
 - Seeking faculty to serve on the committee
- ☞ Update on Student Success
 - Pilot summer bridge program for a group of 75 first-generation college students
 - Funded by the Department of Higher Education
 - 1-credit course with a 5-day residential component
 - Goal of getting students acclimated to the academic environment before the semester starts
 - Mid-term progress reports
 - Focused on lower division courses
 - Currently losing 1/3 of students after the 1st year
- Motion to adjourn (Firas Khatib) and seconded
 - ☞ Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm