

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024
3:00-5:00pm
Grand Reading Room

Members present:

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

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

12 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:12pm
- Administrative Notes
 - ⌘ Encouragement to be involved and participate as much as possible
 - ⌘ Email questions and comments to facultysenate@umassd.edu
 - Especially important for invited guests so they can come prepared with answers to questions
- Approval of May minutes
 - ⌘ Motion made (Robert Darst) and seconded (Christopher Clinton)
 - ⌘ No additions or amendments – motion approved
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - Transition to Canvas
 - Planned completion: Fall 2025
 - Provost's Office to provide a detailed update at October meeting
 - Creation of University Studies 1E Working Group
 - Led by Sarah Cosgrove
 - Shifting process of appointing committee members
 - Each committee will have 1 representative from each academic council
 - Appointment through election
 - Working on updates to by-laws
 - Announcement from Student Affairs re emergency funds and book assistance program

- Invited Student Affairs to come to October meeting to discuss further
- Committee Reports
 - ⌘ By-Laws Committee (Doug Roscoe)
 - Outstanding items to work through this year
 - Re-apportionment will be completed this year
 - Create a process that is least disruptive as possible
 - Motion re Committee Rules
 - Motion was tabled in April
 - Motion needs to be wrapped up
 - Upcoming items
 - Changing the name and charge of the Student Activities Committee
 - Moving it to the Campus Engagement Committee
 - Making the Facilities Committee a standing committee instead of ad hoc
 - Changing the by-laws to incorporate the committee election process
 - Creating process for a vote of no confidence
 - ⌘ Ad-Hoc Committee on AI (Shari Evans)
 - Draft policy statement - create a policy that defines generative AI and its place in education at UMass Dartmouth
 - Creating suggested language for incorporation into syllabi
 - Defining fair use to prevent plagiarism
 - Motion to Approve the Recommendation
 - Made (Crystal Lubinsky) and seconded (Eric Casero)
 - Friendly amendment (Doug Roscoe) that Provost adopts recommendation as a guideline not a policy
 - No opposition – Motion approved
 - Discussion about recommendation
- New Business
 - ⌘ Announcement of upcoming events
 - ⌘ Policy proposal re Academic Freedom Statement (Kristen McHenry)
 - Proposal outlines rights and responsibilities regarding academic freedom
 - Discussion of proposal
 - Motion to move proposal forward
 - Made (Grant O’Rielly) and seconded (Glaucia Silva)
- Provost’s Report (Ram Bala)
 - ⌘ Recognition of additional faculty emeritus: Alex Fowler and Avijit Gangopadhyay
 - ⌘ Update on enrollment numbers
 - Impact of free community college on future enrollment
 - ⌘ Update on hirings
 - 26 new faculty this fall

- ⌘ Re-launch of Educational Leadership Department
 - 9 student enrolled Fall 2024
- ⌘ Undergraduate retention efforts
 - 1st year early action survey
 - Develop student success roadmap
 - Use of Slate for Success
 - Goal is to have 50% of faculty have been onboarded by 1/31/2025
 - Moving towards 100%
 - Degree mapping tool
 - Launching September 2025
- Motion to Adjourn
 - ⌘ Made (Shari Evans) and seconded (Steven Lohrenz)
- Meeting concluded at 4:40pm