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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021, 3:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting convened at 3:05 PM.

Annual Election of Officers

Michael Graves was re-elected as Faculty Senate President.

Lisa Edwards was elected as Vice President.

Matthew Hurwitz was elected as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Karen Lin was elected as the Alternate Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees.

4 5 21 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes, (President Graves)

A motion was made to accept the 4 5 21 Faculty Senate Minutes. The motion passed with 67 in favor, 1 opposed, and 10 abstaining.

Committee on Administration and Finance Meeting, (Professor Koren)

Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting, (Professor Koren)

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Humberd)

Proposal to rename the Health Management Certificate to the Health Service Management Certificate

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 79 in favor, 1 opposed, and 5 abstaining.

Proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Plastics Engineering, the University of Massachusetts Lowell (UML) and Shenkar College of Engineering

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 79 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstaining.

Proposal for a Concurrent Degree Policy led by the Francis College of Engineering (FCOE)

A friendly amendment was made by Faculty Senate President Michael Graves stating that a progress update should be provided in the Spring of 2023 on this Concurrent degree Policy in the Francis College of Engineering (FCOE).

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 66 in favor, 5 opposed, and 10 abstaining.

- Proposal to revise the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Curriculum and Instruction Degree from Two Programs with Eight Pathways to one Program with Three Pathways

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 72 in favor, 1 opposed, and 8 abstaining.

- Proposal to change Admission Requirements in the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Educational Administration Degree, Licensure and Non-licensure, and the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) Degree in Administration Planning and Policy, Licensure and Non-licensure

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 66 in favor, 1 opposed, and 13 abstaining.

- Proposal for a Biomedical Engineering Option in the Ph.D. in Engineering

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 73 in favor, 1 opposed and 4 abstaining.

<u>GPAC – For Information Only</u>

- Proposal to revise the Computer Science (CS) Degree Curriculum
- Proposal for minor revisions to the BMEBT Program

<u>Undergraduate Policy Committee Meeting, (Professor Mittler)</u>

- Proposal to revise the B.S. in Plastics Engineering

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 69 in favor, 2 opposed, and 7 abstaining.

- Proposal to revise the Electronics Engineering Technology Program in the Francis College of Engineering

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 73 in favor, 1 opposed and 4 abstaining.

- Proposal to revise the Climate Change and Sustainability Minor in the Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Program

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 70 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstaining.

- Proposal for a Racial Equity and Inclusion (REI) Concentration in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sociology

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 72 in favor, 3 opposed, and 2 abstaining.

- Proposal to revise four Options in the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biological Science and to rename the Ecology Option to the Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology (EEOB) Option

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 74 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstaining.

UPC – For Information Only

- Proposal to revise minor requirements in the Nutrition Minor in the Department of Biomedical and Nutritional Sciences
- Proposal to revise the Literature Concentration in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English
- Proposal to revise the Policy and Social Problems Concentration in the Bachelor of Arts (BA in Sociology
- Proposal to revise/restructure the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Criminal Justice
- Proposal to revise the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in American Studies
- Request to consolidate Co-op Work Experience courses under a common prefix (COOP OR UMLO)
- Proposal to revise the Biomedical Technology Minor

Other Business

Faculty Senate President Michael Graves put forth a final motion authorizing the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full Faculty Senate over the summer months.

A motion was made to approve. The motion passed with 80 in favor and 1 opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.