

**UMass Lowell
Faculty Senate
October 6, 2008**

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Attendees:

Meeting commenced at 3:40

Ann Marie introduced Teleconferencing set-up. Meeting on North in Olsen Hall and on South campus in Coburn

First meeting of semester; expected Provost Abdelal to speak, however, he became unavailable and unable to attend

Faculty Representative to the BOT → Michael Carter

- UMass to strengthen Life Science over next five years – Intercampus – Commission: Susan Braunhut
- Provost Ahmed Abdelal focusing on first-year retention issues; we are currently at level with our peers but UML wants to improve
 - Will focus on:
 - bottom 20% in gpa – Academic Performance
 - Relationship with Professors
 - Financial Aid
- Five year capital budget for UMass
 - Contract Status
 - Mass shortfall 5-7% cut possible
 - No indication of movement
 - Caution with current economic status
 - Academic building on south campus
 - Garage on north campus
 - M2D2
 - Nanotech Building
 - Dorms on East
- Push to streamline/integrate K-12 systems statewide; HS to college; transfer credits – system/state wide
- Next BOT meeting → End of December; Interim Meetings TBD

Committee Reports:

Academic Resources – no resolutions

GPAC – no resolutions

Research & Development – no resolutions

UPC –

Adding Department of Operations and Information Systems to the College of Management

Questions on space allocation and cost to institution

- Space will remain in Southwick 201
- Only added expense will be chair stipend course buyout for department chair

Vote: unanimous to accept

Other Business:

John Wooding asked about by-laws and election of officers

Ann Marie explained it needed to go before executive committee and will be presented at next meeting → November 3rd.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:55