

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Meeting
December 5, 2005
Alumni Hall

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President

Recording: Susan Yuhas

Attendees: Jay Simmons, Judith Davidson, Francis Bonner, Pradeep Kurup, Craig Armiento, Xuejun Lu, Oliver Ibe, Mufeed Mahd, Glenn Sundberg, Robert Parkin, Christopher Niezrecki, Robert Malloy, Aldo Crugnola, Daniel Schmidt, James Coates, Joseph Garreau, Liana Cheney, Michael Carter, Melissa Pennell, Shehong Chen, Christoph Strobel, Nick Minton, Khanh Dinh, Jason Lawrence, Gloria Seeman, Mitra Das, Ruxandra Dima, Marina Ruths, Thomas Costello, Alexander Kheifets, Alan Doerr, Daniel Klain, Partha Chowdhury, James Egan, Arthur Mittler, Garry Handelman, Nicole Champagne, Ainat Koren, Ruth Remington, Betty Morgan, Joyce White, Sean Collins, Rafael Moure-Eraso, Richard Slapsys, Paul Coppens

Meeting commenced at 3:40 pm.

I. Minutes from November 7, 2005 were accepted.

II. **Board of Trustees** – Fall meeting update. Status of contract, optimistic contract will be in place by end of the year. Romney plans to fund contract with the exception of professional development money. Funding bills are favorable in Senate. GPA for incoming freshman up slightly to 3.14, SAT up to 1094. Financials: operating margin negative 1.5%. Discussion regarding professional development money.

III. **Standing Committees:**

1. **Academic Resources** – No Resolutions

2. **Graduate Policy Committee**

a. **Motion 1-** The Department of Plastics Engineering proposes the addition of a four course Graduate Certificate in Plastics Engineering Fundamentals. It is proposed that the certificate would be open to students that have earned a B.S. degree in science or engineering. All courses are existing.

****MOTION CARRIES****

b. **Motion 2** – The College of Engineering proposes to replace the existing Department-based Doctor of Engineering degree with interchangeable College-based Doctor of Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy degrees with options in Electrical Engineering, Plastics Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Energy Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Civil & Environmental Engineering.

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3. Undergraduate Policy Committee

- a. **Motion 1** – The criteria for Dean’s List status (for a given semester) will be:
- a. minimum semester GPA of 3.25
 - b. minimum of 12 credits completed and graded
 - c. no grade below C
 - d. no incompletes

Discussion ensued around “no grade lower than C”, some felt it should read “no grade lower than B-“. Reminder of student report at last meeting that researched other colleges...many didn’t have a minimum grade requirement.

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4. Other Business

- a. Space Issues – hospital no longer an option

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm