

**University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate**

Minutes of December 6, 2004

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President

Recording: Adrianna Morris

Meeting commenced at 3:40 p.m, Alumni Hall

- I. Minutes of November 1, 2005 were accepted.
- II. Report of Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees—Michael Carter
 - A. The land swap between the University and St. Joseph's Hospital was approved.
 - B. The largest expenditures for the People Soft project have been completed.
 - C. The Chancellor's review is scheduled for the 3rd year of his contract, this will be scheduled for the Spring Semester (2005).
- III. Standing Committees
 - A. Academic Resources—No Resolutions
 - B. Undergraduate Policy Committee
 1. Resolution: An undergraduate student may not take more than two withdrawals (W's) in any given course.
 - C. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee
 1. Grade Points for the New Grades A, A-, B+
 2. Graduate Certificate in Environmental Biotechnology
 3. Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology
Discussion—Civil Engineering offering this certificate rather than plastics or mechanical. Motion carries, but name change for certificate recommended and co-coordinators advised.
 4. Graduate Certificate in Molecular and Cellular Biotechnology
 5. Non-thesis option for the Plastics Engineering MS Program
 6. BS/MS Program, Option C, in Health Education/ Health Services Administration in the Department of Community Health and Sustainability
 - D. Research and Development Committee looking for new members
 - E. General Education Coordinator—Tony Szczesiul discussed the overpopulation issues of the General Education Classes of which the majority had over 30 students. Discussion also about assessment of courses; enhanced course descriptions and General Education Orientations.

