

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate
February 7, 2005
Coburn Hall – Room 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Janet King

Meeting commenced at 3:36

- I. Minutes of December 6, 2004 were accepted
- II. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees – Michael Carter
 - a. No Trustees Meeting since last Senate meeting [12/6/2004]
 - b. Meeting at UML next week
 - c. Hired new VC for UMass Academic Services – **Marcellette Williams** [formerly Interim Chancellor at UMass Amherst]
- III. Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Resources [Liana]
 - i. Resolution: The Faculty Senate strongly recommends that:
 1. No new academic programs be initiated
 2. No academic programs be terminated
 3. No substantial changes be made in existing academic programsWithout the review and approval of the Faculty Senate
****passed unanimously****
 - b. Undergraduate Policy Committee [Art]
No resolutions
 - c. Graduate Policy and Affairs [Bodo]
 - i. Resolution: Plastics Engineering Department be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate program in Elastomeric Materials
****passed unanimously****
 - ii. Resolution: The Department of Psychology be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Intervention in Autism ****passed: 1 opposed – 20 approved****
 - iii. Resolution: The Department of Community Health and Sustainability be authorized to change the M.S. Degree in Health Services Administration to the M.S. Degree in Health Management and Policy ****passed unanimously****

- iv. Resolution: The Department of Community Health and Sustainability be authorized to offer three options in the M.S. Degree in Health Management and Policy. These Options are: Management, Health Informatics, Health Policy
****passed unanimously****

d. Research and Development [Tom]

i. Resolution: The Faculty Senate resolves that an ongoing funded research program cannot be halted and suspended by University Administration without an open hearing. This hearing must include a quorum of the Research and Development Committee of the Faculty Senate, and other appropriate persons invited by the Investigator whose program is being investigated. A majority vote/concurrence of all parties (with equal numbers from Administration and R&D faculty, chaired by the University ombud) is required for suspension of halt of research activities. ****passed unanimously****

ii. Resolution: The Faculty Senate resolves that the Administration must consult the Faculty Senate prior to forming a committee or task force, and that such committees or task forces, at a minimum, must include all willing members of the relevant standing Committees of the Faculty Senate.
****passed unanimously****

Issues:

- Faculty Union Rally – This Thursday, February 10th at the State House – departing UML Cumnock Hall approx. 9:15 am
- Faculty Union Meeting next Wed with Campus Admin. to continue contract discussions
- Faculty Senate Elections – April/May
- Evaluations / New Admin unable to perform w/accuracy
- Clarification asked regarding undergraduate INC [Incomplete] policy -Jane Worthley read statement and agreed to email corrected announcement

Meeting adjourned at 4:50