

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 2, 2007
Coburn 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Nicole Champagne

Attendees: **Please fill in from the sign in sheet.**

Meeting commenced at 3:35 pm

I. Minutes of March 5, 2007 were accepted.

II. **Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees:** Michael Carter

- March 24 Trustees Meeting
 - Marty Meehan was appointed as Chancellor at UML.
 - A 3.4% fee increase will go into effect and 22% of the fee increase will increase aid.
 - Push to force a quasi-endowment policy for long term investment.
 - A study commission is being established to determine the fate of the UML Hockey Program. Several UML representatives will be involved.

III. **GPAC:** Bodo Reinisch

A. Resolution 1: Pre-proposal for a post-Master's Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program for nurse practitioners.

The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Nursing be authorized to develop a full doctoral program proposal in preparation for submittal to the UMASS President's office.

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IV. **Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC):** Art Mittler

A. Resolution 1: "The Faculty Senate approves the revised Academic Integrity Policy which will replace the present policy." Date of implementation: beginning of Summer 2007

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B. Resolution 2: "The Faculty Senate approves the following changes to the Applications Procedures and Requirements" (paragraph 2, italics = revision):

Students who transfer from four-year institutions must complete a minimum of 30 semester credits at the University of Massachusetts Lowell to be eligible for a Lowell baccalaureate degree. ***Beginning with students entering the University of Massachusetts Lowell in the Fall of 2008, the maximum number of credits allowed to be transferred in is 75 from a two-year institution. The minimum residency requirement for students transferring from a two-year institution is 45 credits.***

(Note: Individual degree programs may require more than 45 credits of course work at the University of Massachusetts Lowell regardless of the number of credits that the student transferred in when entering the university.) The records of applicants 1)...

Date of implementation: beginning of Fall 2008

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C. Resolution 3: "The Faculty Senate approves the following: The Department of Community Health and Sustainability will change the criteria for admission to BS in Health Education program"

from a minimum high school GPA of **3.0 to 3.25** and
from a minimum SAT scored of **960 to 1000**.

(beginning with students entering in the Fall of 2008)

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D. Resolution #4: "The Faculty Senate approves the following: The Department of Physical Therapy will change the criteria for admission to the BS in Exercise Physiology program"

from a minimum high school GPA of **3.0 to 3.25** and
from a minimum SAT scored of **960 to 1000**.

(beginning with students entering in the Fall of 2008)

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E. Resolution 5: "The Faculty Senate approves the reconfigured interdisciplinary **Disability Studies Minor**".

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V. **Research and Development:** Tom Shea

- R&D is working on a resolution to increase full time graduate students. An idea is to have TA support for a students' first 2 years, and then they would have to find an advisor to pick up their funding. Please contact Tom Shea with information regarding the number of doctoral students from departments, especially those outside of the hard sciences.

VI. By-Laws

- Current Senate By-Laws refer to the Undergraduate Core Committee. This should be the General Education Coordinating Committee. Issue to be taken up at next Senate Meeting. A change in the By-Laws is required to reflect this language. The General Education Coordinating Committee is chaired by the General Education Coordinator and membership is ½ elected Senators.

VII. Election for New Officers next month

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm