

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 3, 2006
Coburn 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President

Recording: Susan Yuhas

Attendees: Jay Simmons, Judith Davidson, Pradeep Kurup, Oliver Ibe, Robert Parkin, James Sherwood, Christopher Niezrecki, David Kazmer, Daniel Schmidt, Eve Buzawa, Jacob Stowell, Michael Carter, Anthony Szeziesiul, Nancy Selleck, Melissa Pennell, Christoph Strobel, Nick Minton, Arend Holtslag, Khanh Dinh, Gloria Seeman, Jason Lawrence, Mitra Das, Thomas Shea, Marina Ruths, Holly Yanco, Alexander Kheifets, Alan Doerr, Daniel Klain, James Egan, Arthur Mittler, Nicole Champagne, Ainat Koren, Ruth Remington, Betty Morgan, Erika Lewis, Joyce White, Sean Collins, Ellen Keane, Richard Slapsys

Meeting commenced at 3:40 pm

- I. Minutes from March 6, 2006 were accepted.
- II. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees: Michael Carter

Next meeting is scheduled for May—will notify senate via email on outcome of that meeting

Standing Committees

III.

- a. Academic Resources: No resolutions
- b. Undergraduate Policy Committee:

1. Resolution: “Students who enter UML after having completed an associate’s degree under the Massachusetts Transfer Compact agreement from a community college are deemed to have satisfied five of the seven UML’s General Education requirements; namely: breadth of knowledge (course distribution), critical thinking, clear communication, diversity, and ethics.” The two remaining General Education requirements; (1) self-direction and collaboration and (2) information literacy, must be met through their major program at UML. Students should be aware that some programs may have additional requirements in these areas.

Discussion around meeting diversity and ethics requirement.

Motion to call a question—MOTION CARRIES

Motion to pass resolution—**MOTION CARRIES**

- c. GPAC:

1. Resolution: The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Physical Therapy be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate in Disability Outcomes

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- d. Research and Development: No resolutions

IV. Other Business:

Provost's Memo: Executive committee group to work with Provost; email graduate coordinators to solicit input from them; discussion about last month's resolution—not clear if resolution is accepted or not by Chancellor, based on memo; other UMass campuses have structured Grad school; discussion around verbal apology and willingness to enter into a dialogue; concern from members that the memo is not an actual response.

Resolution: The Faculty Senate resolves to resubmit the resolution on the dissolution of the Graduate School to the Chancellor for a clarification of his response.

****MOTION CARRIES****

Meeting adjourned at 4:45