

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate
May 2, 2005
Coburn Hall – Room 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Susan Yuhas, Department Secretary

Attendees: Jay Simmons, Pradeep Kurup, Robert Parkin, James Sherwood, Liana Cheney, Michael Carter, Tony Szczesiul, Caryn Bell, Russell Karl, Gloria Seeman, Khanh Dinh, Mitra Das, Thomas Shea, Alan Doerr, James Egan, Clayton French, Arthur Mittler, Nicole Champagne, Jacqueline Dowling, Joyce White, Richard Slapsys

Meeting commenced at 3:45 pm

I. Minutes of April 4th, 2005 were approved (with deletion of non-senators from attendees list)

II. Standing Committee Reports:

Academic Resources (Michael Carter)
No Resolutions

Undergraduate Policy Committee (Arthur Mittler)

Issues for discussion:

1. Minors – Can a student get a minor in the same subject as getting a major in?
2. Transfer students – Should there be changes in the Gen.Ed. requirements?
3. New Grading System – Goes into effect this semester
4. Policy Change on Withdrawals – Beginning in Fall '05, no more than two W's in any given course will be allowed
5. Policy Change on Incompletes – Recorded without backup grade starting now. Deadline is at end of following semester. Incomplete grade will need to be changed with a "grade change" form.

Resolution #1:

The Faculty Senate resolves that the Environmental Studies concentration be added to the BLA curriculum.

Discussion: Number of courses required, levels required, "recommended science" requirements, collaboration between other departments (ie: environmental health concentration)

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Graduate Policy Committee

Resolution #1:

The Faculty Senate resolves that the College of Management be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate in New Venture Creation.

Discussion – specify prerequisites

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Research and Development

Issue for Discussion:

TA money, “waiving tuition”, to discuss further in the Fall

III. New Business:

Union Issues (Robert Parkin)

1. Healthcare costs – to reduce across the board
2. Retirement - %
3. 150E Contracts
4. COLA/Federal Offset Rule – NEA is fighting
5. Contract – still in negotiations

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm