

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate

Minutes of May 3, 2004

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Jacqueline S. Dowling, Faculty Senate Member

Meeting commenced at 3:32pm, O'Leary 222

- I. Minutes of April 5, 2004 accepted as written.
- II. Report of Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees – Michael Carter
 - A. Two subcommittee meetings to review annual performance indicators
 1. Academic subcommittee (SATs, Freshman GPAs, graduate %)
 - a) UML is close to peer institutions
 - b) 6 Year retention is equal but lower than Trustees' desire – 42% in 6 years
 2. Financial (Operating margins)
 - a) Financial cushion has deflated a little but better than anticipated at the start of the year
 - b) Endowment well below peer institution
 - c) Budget looks promising – House came in at high than anticipated figure
 - d) Question regarding faculty development. According to Robert Parkin, Union President, money is coming in before end of the fiscal year (June 30th) and 1/3 of the retroactive money may come through this year (? cash or vouchers)
 - e) The rumor of push to privatize UML is not substantiated
 - f) Status of Research Foundation audit – No public findings at this time
- III. Standing Committees
 - A. Academic Governance Committee - No resolutions
 - B. Academic Resources Committee – Point of information regarding faculty workload and FTE allocation. Only includes full-time (01) faculty not part-time faculty (03) and instructors.
 - C. Budget and Priorities Committee - No resolutions
 - D. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee / Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee
 1. Resolution #1. The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering be renamed as the Department of Chemical Engineering (see attached). Motion denied (4 yeas/22 nays/3 abstentions).

Discussion: Development of a new image and direction for the department with option tracks. Since the department now has four option programs, it seems appropriate the name should be simplified to the Department of Chemical Engineering, so that all of the option programs are treated equally. The students will receive a B.S. or M.S. degree in Engineering with the option program designated only on the transcript similar to other option programs in the University. Enrollment is low in the Nuclear Engineering (NE) department. The B.S. in NE is on moratorium. The resolution is brought forth by two Senate committees.

Perceived need for nuclear engineering for our 100 nuclear power plants in the U.S. UML is one of the few universities that has a reactor. There is a significant enrollment increase of ~7-8 freshmen. Also once you give up something in the public sector you never get it back (e.g. closing of the UML Department of Languages).

E. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee

1. Resolution #1. The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Computer Science be authorized to offer the Doctor of Science Degree in Computer Science with a Bio/Cheminformatics option (see attached). Motion approved.

F. Research and Development Committee – No resolutions

IV. New Business

A. Implications of the Patriot Act (PA) – Phil Moss. A number of universities have put forth resolutions dealing with:

1. The privacy of staff, faculty, and student records (e.g. directory information, library/bookstore records)
2. Campus police cooperation/direct relationship with the FBI to provide information and surveillance
3. General surveillance (e.g. Email, internet communication monitored)
4. Loss of academic freedom (e.g. surveillance of books/materials on reserve, research, rallies, prohibit use/writings on certain subjects)
5. Immigrant rights (e.g. Required to submit internal information to INS, deny visas)

Discussion: Patriot Act is tied to federal funding. Make recommendations via a report form/enact resolution deploring PA and violating our Bill of Rights. We need to understand information currently available to the public. Police may have probable cause and accountability to the FBI. Library needs to be addresses. Buckley amendment protects graduate student from parent access.

B. Senate resolutions to come forward in the fall.

1. The number of Senators per department. Recommendation is 1 senator per 5 faculty members with possible cap of 4 senators per department.

2. Replacement for a Senator's absence by another departmental faculty member.

Note: Bylaw changes will be presented at first Senate meeting then voted on in subsequent meeting. Election of Senators will follow.

- V. Motion to empower the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Faculty Senate during summer session. Motion approved.
- VI. Adjournment at 4:45 pm.
- VII. Next meeting: Monday, October 4, 2004, 3:30 pm Alumni Hall

Program: Project ISIS (PeopleSoft) – Richard Conley x4794

<http://intranet.uml.edu/it/projects/isis>

Reviewed project timeline

Registration/advising – Will enforce pre/co-requisites and advising requirements/holds

Faculty training

- a) Self service presentation
- b) Self service training
- c) Advisor job aids
- d) Go Live – February 05