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Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes

February 7, 2011

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Attendees: Francis Bonner, Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Janie Casello Bouges, Nicole Champagne, Shehong Chen, Cindy Chen, Liana Cheney, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Cynthia Ferrara, Joseph Fisher, Marie Frank, Stuart Freedman, Steven Freund, Ken Geiser, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Andrew Hostetler, Oliver Ibe, Russell Karl, David Kazmer, Margaret Knight, Robert Kunzendorf, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, David Lustick, Mufeed Mahd, Margaret Manion, Geoffrey McEnany, Arthur Mittler, Betty Morgan, Martin Moser, Donna Mullin, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Christopher Niezrecki, Robert Parkin, Miki Patterson, Jialun Qin, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, James Sherwood, Shellie Simons, Paul Song, Stefanie Tate, Ellen Wetmore, Thomas Wilson, Holly Yanco, Yi Yang, Bruce Young, Jackie Zhang

Absent: Diana Archibald, Doreen Arcus, Craig Armiento, Timothy Crain, Mitra Das, Alan Doerr, Clayton French, Robert Karasek, Alexander Kheifets, Minjeong Kim, Xuejun Lu, Sanjeev Manohar, Julie Nash, Eric Nelson, Daniel Schmidt, Nancy Selleck, Jay Simmons, Jana Sladkova, Craig Slatin, Chronis Stamatiadis, Jacob Stowell, Jie Wang, Jin Xu, Jackie Zhang

Recording: Martha H. Burns

The meeting convened at 3:35 PM.

1. Preliminary Proposal for a public school of Pharmacy at the University of Massachusetts system (Worcester, Lowell, Amherst), (Provost Abdelal, Vice Provost Pierson)

Item postponed until arrival of Provost.

2. Minutes of December 6, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

3. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Michael Carter reported that there have not been any public meetings to report on since the last Senate meeting in December. The search for a new President was completed. Chancellor Meehan had taken himself out of the running and Michael reported that after that occurred Bob Caret was his first choice candidate. Mr. Caret has roots in this area, is very dynamic and fills a room and has an outgoing and salesman type personality. One of his major accomplishments was to raise graduation rates of minority students to the same level existing for white students at Towson State University in the University of Maryland system.

1. Preliminary Proposal for a public school of Pharmacy at the University of Massachusetts system (Worcester, Lowell, Amherst), (Provost Abdelal, Vice Provost Pierson)

Provost Abdelal provided an overview of the establishment of a new school of pharmacy indicating that the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Amherst campuses joined forces after former UMass President Jack Wilson established a commission to explore this possibility. The Medical School then came into the picture. Provost Abdelal invited Dean McKinney to provide input and involvement in the process. He expects that a statement will be sent to the legislature soon and that it will be very positive. Half of the class will be admitted at Amherst and the other half at Lowell. The Medical School will provide guidance and expertise. Having a public school of pharmacy in this research setting could be a significant enhancement. The Deans at Amherst and Lowell will provide leadership for recruiting faculty. There is no concrete proposal but we want to proceed with the concept. One particularly interesting element to consider as well is that new pharmaceuticals are based on nano-materials and the University of Massachusetts Lowell already has a nano-manufacturing program. Dean McKinney envisions a program being in place maybe two years from now. One possibility is that the college of pharmacy may be a part of the School of Health and Environment. Another possibility is that the college of pharmacy would be free standing. A commitment has not been made at this early stage to determine the structural framework within the university environs. Former President Jack Wilson is a strong proponent of this program and he himself will be working here in the Fall as a tenured professor. Provost Abdelal is looking to the Faculty Senate body for an endorsement of the proposal. Robert Parkin made a motion to endorse the intention of developing a joint proposal, with the Amherst and Worcester campuses, to establish a

University of Massachusetts School of Pharmacy. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

4. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC)

A. Request for Approval of a Medical Physics Option to Existing Master of Science Degree in Radiological Sciences Protection

It is critical to get the new option in place as soon as possible as the criteria for licensing in the Medical Physics option is changing in 2012 when students will need to have graduated from a CAMPEP-accredited program. A motion was made to accept this proposal. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

B. Request for Proposal for a New Degree Program At UMass Lowell: Master of Science in Accounting

C. Accounting Course Descriptions

Stephen Collins explained that an additional 30 credits beyond the undergraduate degree in Accounting is required in order for individuals to be licensed as accountants. There is no stipulation as to what these 30 credits need to be. However, most students would prefer to achieve these 30 credits while earning a degree that includes courses that will improve their accounting skills. The proposed degree program will make that possible. A motion was made to accept this proposal. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

D. Proposal for a PSM in Environmental Studies Option in Atmospheric Science, Department of Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Professor Sherwood (GPAC Chair) spoke on behalf of Professor Arnold O'Brien who submitted this proposal just before his recent retirement. Vice Provost Pierson informed the Faculty Senate body that Professor O'Brien had met with company representatives from AECOMM, Westford, MA about this proposal. The representatives were extremely enthused about this new program and were particularly impressed by its business and internship components. A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.