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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

May 2, 2016

3:00 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Elizabeth Altman, Michele Bazin, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Michael Carter, Abigail Chandler, Guanling Chen, Timothy Cook, Mitra Das, Judith Davidson, Ann Dean, Glenn Dissinger, Alan Doerr, Gerard Dybel, Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Zahra Fardmanesh, Jennifer Fish, Patricia Fontaine, Alice Frye, Matthew Gage, Jessica Garb, Mahdi Garelnabi, Ramraj Gautam, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Jennifer Gorczyca, Michael Graves, Robert Holmes, Murat Inalpolat, Stephen Johnston, Whitley Kaufman, Alexander Kheifets, Saira Latif, Cathy Levey, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Hunter Mack, Sara Marks, Maria Matz, John McCarthy, John McKelliget, Dalila Megherbi, Jose Mendoza, Kimberly Merriman, Garrett Michaelsen, Arthur Mittler, Chad Montrie, Donna Mullin, Michael Myre, Nese Orbey, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, Melissa Pennell, Anya Peters, Mairead Pratschke, JianHua Qian, Muhammad Quayes, Marina Ruths, Daniel Schmidt, John Shirley, Katherine Shrieves, Jana Sladkova, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Ardeth Thawngmung, Joel Tickner, Olga Tines, Frank Tredeau, Mark Tries, Susan Tripathy, Jenna Vinson, Jennifer Wilber, Miko Wilford, Thomas Wilson, Yuanchang Xie, Yi Yang, Seongkyu Yu, TzuYang Yu, Juheng Zhang

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting commenced at 3:15 PM.

Annual Election of Officers

Michael Graves was elected as Faculty Senate President with 62 votes, Erika Lewis as Vice President with 54 votes, Stephen Johnston as Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees with 56 votes and Lisa Abdallah as Alternate Representative to the Board of Trustees with 56 votes.

Greetings from Chancellor Moloney

- The Chancellor thanked the audience for yet another fantastic year. She stated that there are many students on our wait list and we are receiving applications for more qualified students. Chancellor Moloney expressed that members of the Faculty Senate and its committees are phenomenal stewards by taking time out of their schedules to contribute. There are extraordinary leaders in this university who embody dedication, passion and collaborative spirit. We are fortunate to have Faculty Senate President Michael Graves now presiding. Chancellor Moloney looks forward to working with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate in the coming year.

Greetings from Provost Pierson

- Provost Pierson greeted the audience. He spoke about Faculty Governance and the critical role it plays at UMass Lowell. He congratulated outgoing Faculty Senate leaders – Faculty Senate President Michael Carter, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees and the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC) Chairperson Robert Malloy on their upcoming retirements and wished them all the best. He presented each member with a gift as a gesture of gratitude for the service they have provided over many years to the University.

Minutes of April 4, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made to approve the April 4, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Malloy)

Robert Malloy extended congratulations to Faculty Senate President Michael Graves.

- Proposal to modify the M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Mechanical Engineering
Robert Malloy summarized the modifications proposed for the M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Mechanical Engineering. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for a Policy Change in Publishing Requirements of Doctoral Candidates in the College of Engineering
Robert Malloy summarized the proposal. The intent of the proposed policy change is to expand the publication requirements in the College of Engineering to include the submission of at least one journal paper. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to change requirements for the Professional Science Master's degree program in Industrial Mathematics
Stephen Pennell provided an overview of the proposal. Requirements are being changed in order to make the requirements for this degree compatible with the requirements of other PSM programs on campus. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for a Managerial Leadership Option in the Manning School of Business
Robert Malloy provided an overview. The intent of the option is to address more generally the knowledge and expertise required to exercise effective managerial leadership independent of functional discipline. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to revise the Continued Matriculation Policy

Kerry Donohoe provided an overview of the revision indicating that it will place a new emphasis on degree completion. Robert Malloy indicated that it will improve graduation rates. It is recommended that the following be added as the third paragraph in the revised policy located at <http://www.uml.edu/Catalog/Graduate/Policies/Registration-and-Enrollment-Policies-for-Graduate-Students.aspx>:

“Master’s students may only register for two semesters of Continued Matriculation. Doctoral candidates may register for up to three semesters. Exceptions to this rule may be granted with approval of the academic department (Graduate Coordinator/Department Chair) and college dean. Students completing a thesis or dissertation must also have the approval of their thesis/dissertation advisor. Exceptions must be requested via a Graduate Academic Petition. If an exception is not granted, the student will be withdrawn from the University and will need to reapply. If a student reapplies and is readmitted, the rules regarding the Statute of Limitations restart.”

A motion was made to accept the revision. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

For Information Only/No Vote Necessary

- GPAC: Proposal to modify examination requirements in the Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice and Criminology
- GPAC: Service Learning Course Attribute Application Tracker/Requests
- GPAC: Grade changes for graduate classes can be changed within the following term with the approval of the Graduate Coordinator and the College Dean by the end of the semester.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Preliminary Proposal for a Bachelor of Science, (B.S.) in Environmental Engineering
Arthur Mittler provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to change Philosophy Major requirements
Arthur Mittler provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to revise curriculum in the A.S. and B.S. Engineering Technology Degrees in the Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) Program
Arthur Mittler provided an overview of the revisions. The current A.S. Degree will increase from 67 to 68 credits. The current B.S. degree will decrease to 124 from 126. These changes are the result of meeting recommendations made by the Mechanical Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee (MET IAC) and the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). A motion was made to accept the revisions. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to change “Complaints Concerning Classroom Matters Exclusive of Grades and Grading Policy” by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association (SGA)
Arthur Mittler introduced this proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was accepted by a majority with three opposed.

- Proposal to Restore Course Sharing Between Additional Majors and GenEd/Breadth of Knowledge Requirements
Arthur Mittler provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

For Information Only/No Vote Necessary

- UPC: Service Learning Course Attribute Application Tracker/Requests

Other Business

- Motion to rename and reconfigure the mission and membership of the former Library Committee
Michael Graves provided an overview. The current Committee is called the Library Advisory Committee. The intent is to rename it to “Faculty Senate Teaching, Learning, and Research Resources Advisory Committee.”
- Formation of a Committee to evaluate the membership and size of the Faculty Senate
Michael Graves broached the possibility of forming a committee to evaluate the size of the Faculty Senate. It has grown rapidly in recent years and the ratio of Senators to Faculty members (currently 1 Senator for every 5 faculty members) may need to be adjusted. No motion was necessary.
- Authority of the Executive Committee for Summer Business
A motion was made to give authority to the Executive Committee on behalf of the Faculty Senate body over the summer months. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.