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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

May 6, 2013

3:00 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Dhimiter Bello, Stephanie Block, Maria Brunette, Bryan Buchholz, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Shehong Chen, Timothy Cook, Alan Doerr, James Egan, Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Cynthia Ferrara, Joseph Fisher, Patricia Fontaine (for Michelle Scribner-McLean), Marie Frank, Stuart Freedman, Clayton French, Alice Frye, Xinwen Fu, Jessica Garb, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Ivy Ho, Javier Horta, Tingshu Hu, Stephen Johnston, Alexander Kheifets, Ainat Koren, Jason Lawrence, Erika Lewis, Benyuan Liu, Margaret Manion, Sanjeev Manohar, Dalila Megherbi, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Donna Mullin, Nese Orbey, Charles Ormsby, Asil Oztekin, Robert Parkin, April Pattavina, James Propp, Joshua Qian, Jialun Qin, Muhammad Quayes, Emmanuelle Reynaud, David Ryan, Carole Salmon, Richard Serna, Michael Shenoda, James Sherwood, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Sang Hyun Suh, Berk Talay, Stefanie Tate, Joel Therrien, Walter Toomey, Celeste Tremblay, Naomi Wernick, Jennifer Wilber

Recording: Martha Burns

Annual Election of Officers followed by results beginning at 3:00 PM

The election commenced at 3:10 PM. The results are summarized as follows:

- President, Michael Carter: 58 in favor with 3 abstentions.
- Vice President, Erika Lewis: 57 in favor with 4 abstentions.
- Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, Eve Buzawa: 57 in favor with 4 abstentions.
- Alternative Representative to the Board of Trustees, Michael Carter: 55 in favor with 6 abstentions.

1. Minutes of April 1, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting, Attachment 1

Robert Parkin made a motion to accept the April 1, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Alan Doerr and passed unanimously.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee, (GPAC), (James Sherwood)

2. Proposal for an Option in Special Education in the Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction
Professor Sherwood presented this Proposal. An Option in Special Education in the Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction is crucial due to the critical shortage of trained licensed educators in the field of special education both at the state and national levels. A motion to approve the proposal was made and passed unanimously.
3. Proposal for a Certificate in Quality Engineering in Mechanical Engineering
Professor Shina provided an overview of the Quality Engineering Certificate. The Black Belt portion of the certificate was not accepted and will be pursued separately. A motion to approve the proposal was made and passed unanimously.
4. Proposal to change the designation of the concentration in Medical Physics in the Radiological Sciences Option of the Ph.D. to a Medical Physics Option in the Ph.D. program
Professor Egan presented this proposal. The department requests that the Ph.D. degree in Physics with a Medical Physics concentration within the Radiological Science Option be changed from a concentration within an option to an identifiable Option in its own right within the Physics Ph.D. program. The “Ph.D. in Physics /Medical Physics Option” will be so designated on the transcript and diploma. A motion to approve the proposal was made and passed unanimously.
5. Preliminary Proposal for a Ph.D. in Psychology
Professor McCabe presented this proposal. She indicated that due to the huge surge in the number of undergraduates majoring in psychology now is an apt time to move in the direction of a PhD. The title of the degree will be Applied Psychology and Prevention Science. A motion to approve the proposal was made and passed unanimously.
6. Proposal for a Master of Public Health
Professor Champagne presented this proposal indicating it represents a strengthening of current programs. A number of different people worked on this interdisciplinary program using the graduate group model. A motion was made to approve the proposal and passed unanimously.
7. Proposal to modify Work Environment M.S. curriculum
Professor Buchholz presented this proposal. He indicated that this follows from the Master of Public Health proposal. A motion was made to approve the modifications and passed unanimously.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Arthur Mittler)

8. For Information only: UTEACH Minor addition/adjustment mandated by the Comm. of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requiring all teacher preparation programs to include a new course in Teaching English Language Learners
This agenda item is for information only.
9. Proposal for a B.S. in Public Health, Attachment 9
A motion was made to approve this proposal and passed unanimously.

Research and Development Committee, (Robert Parkin)

10. Faculty Misconduct in Research and Scholarly Activities Policy, (Vice Provost Chen)
Vice Provost Chen presented this policy. She extended thanks to those who worked on this proposal. The updated policy has clarified definitions and makes it more understandable. The Office of the General Counsel contributed as well. The policy concept is broadened and covers the entire university. A motion was made to accept the policy and passed unanimously.

Other Business, (Michael Carter)

11. Academic Calendar
Registrar Kerry Donohoe presented new information on the formerly approved 2013/2014 calendar. The Registrar's office worked to add two additional days. A motion was made to approve the additional two days and it passed with 46 in favor, 8 nays and 7 abstentions.
12. Library Advisory Committee Charge and Composition
Margaret Manion, Chairperson of the Library Committee, spoke about the composition of the committee indicating that one or two representatives from each college are desired. She indicated that the committee needs representatives from Science.

A motion was made to allow the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate to make any required decisions during the summer months. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.