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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

May 7, 2012

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah (for Geoffry PhillipsMcEnany), Todd Avery, Sarita Bassil, Stephanie Block, Dorothy Brewin, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Janie Casello Bouges, Abigail Chandler, Liana Cheney, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Adrian Cruz, Alan Doerr, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Cynthia Ferrara, Joseph Fisher, James Forest, Stuart Freedman, Alice Frye, Jehanne Marie Gavarini, Susan Gallagher, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Gina Greher, Christopher Hansen, Carol Hay, Ashleigh Hillier, Javier Horta, Andrew Hostetler (for Jana Sladkova), Ann Marie Hurley, Stephen Johnston, Robert Karasek, Russell Karl, Alexander Kheifets, Sue Kim, Ainat Koren, Erika Lewis, Benyuan Liu, Sanjeev Manohar, Dalila Megherbi, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Martin Moser, Donna Mullin, Nese Orbey, Asil Oztekin, Charles Ormsby, Jialun Qin, Joshua Qian, Muhammad Quayes, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, Michelle Scribner-McLean, Michael Shenoda, James Sherwood, Shellie Simons, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Berk Talay, Stefanie Tate, Joel Therrien, Nellie Tran (for Sarah Kuhn), Celeste Tremblay, Phitsamay Uy, James Veatch, Naomi Wernick, Jennifer Wilder, Thomas Wilson, Bruce Young, Tzu Yang Yu

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting was delayed due to traffic and commenced at 3:15 PM.

#### 1. Annual Election of Officers and Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees, (Professor Hurley)

##### Results:

President Michael Carter - 58 yes, 1 no and 5 abstentions

Vice President Marie Frank – 58 yes, 6 abstentions

Faculty Representative Eve Buzawa – 60 yes, 6 abstentions

Alternate Faculty Representative Michael Carter – 58 yes, 6 abstentions

2. Minutes of April 2, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting

Liana Cheney made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting. It was seconded by Alan Doerr and passed unanimously.

3. Satellite Campus Initiatives, (Provost Abdelal)

Provost Abdelal reported that UML is considering the establishment of satellite campuses offering programs targeted to areas of clearly defined demand. In particular, discussion with Raytheon and Kuwait over establishment of a UML campus there is proceeding. The Provost also noted that while we are projecting an operating deficit in fiscal 2013 as increases in adjunct instructor compensation and increased debt service due to newly completed capital projects come on line, we have the financial cushion to absorb this and still remain in sound financial health. Although we are in a better position than many other public universities, these new obligations are prompting us to think about increasing efficiency and implementing annual planning cycles in the deployment of RA's, TA's and Adjunct faculty. Departments will be allocated budgets for TA's RA's and Adjuncts based on approval by their college Dean of their annual enrollment projections and staffing plans. Chairs will have some flexibility to substitute among TA's, Adjuncts and Non Tenure Track lecturers as long as substitutions are budget neutral and new NTT positions are approved by their College Dean. Relative to Teaching Assignments, Provost Abdelal indicated that assigning Teaching Assistants to doctoral students is favored but not required.

4. Dedicated Smoking Areas, (Professor Hooker)

Ann Marie Hurley spoke on behalf of Mary Elizabeth Hooker. She stated that in Massachusetts smoking is not allowed in businesses. She indicated that there are not enough designated smoking areas. Michael Carter said that the existing policy is not uniformly enforced. The Administration is currently reviewing the policy. No motion was necessary.

5. Amendment to By-Laws

"Full Time Non-Tenure Track Faculty, excluding Visiting Non Tenure Track Faculty, are eligible to serve as Senators and counted when determining the number of senators to which a department is entitled under the existing "1 senator for every 5 full time faculty" rule."

Michael Carter indicated that an additional amendment (above) needs to be added to the By-Laws in the Membership Section on Page 3. The motion to amend the By-Laws passed unanimously.

6. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Sherwood)

a. Proposal for Masters of Science and Professional Science Masters in Environmental Studies – Environmental Geoscience Option, (Professor Eby)

A motion was made to accept this proposal. It passed unanimously.

b. Proposal for an M.S. and Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, (Associate Dean Houde)

Associate Dean Houde provided an overview of the program. More than 20 faculty members have agreed to participate in the programs. Alan Doerr made a motion to accept the proposal. It passed unanimously.

c. Proposal for addition of Accounting Option in Ph.D. in Business Administration, (Dean Carter)

Dean Carter provided an overview. The request is being put forward at this late date because the department wants to move ahead with the development of brochures and the website and significant monies would be saved. Jim Sherwood, Chairman of GPAC, indicated that a Senate vote of approval today would be contingent on GPAC's review on May 14, 2012. Ann Marie Hurley made a motion to accept the proposal contingent upon GPAC review. It was seconded by Marie Frank and passed unanimously.

7. Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

a. Proposed Curriculum Modifications, BS in Environmental Studies Option, (Professor Eby)

Nelson Eby explained curricular modifications in the BS in Environmental Studies Option indicating that there is a slight change in the math requirement. This point of information did not require a vote by the Senate body.

8. Report from the Research and Development Committee, (Professor Parkin)

a. Policy and Procedures Relating to Misconduct in Research or Scholarship

Vice Provost Chen will form a committee to address this in the Fall of 2012.

9. Summer Business, (Professor Carter)

Michael Carter requested that power being given to the Executive Committee to make decisions over the summer months if necessary. A motion was made to accept the request. It passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.