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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

October 1, 2012

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah (for Dorothy Brewin), Gonca Altuger-Genc, Todd Avery, Bryan Buchholz, Bridgette Budhlall, Alexander Case, Nicole Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Shehong Chen, Liana Cheney, Timothy Cook, Adrian Cruz, Danielle Day, Alan Doerr, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Michael Ellenbecker, Susan Faraji, Joseph Fisher, James Forest, Marie Frank, Clayton French, Stuart Friedman, Alice Frye, Xinwen Fu, Susan Gallagher, Jehanne Marie Gavarini, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Andrew Harris, Ashleigh Hillier, Javier Horta, Andrew Hostetler (for Jana Sladkova), Tingshu Hu, Robert Karasek, Russell Karl, Alexander Kheifets, Sue Kim, Daniel Klain, Ainat Koren, Erika Lewis, Benyuan Liu, Margaret Manion, Sanjeev Manohar, Dalila Megherbi, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Ravi Montenegro, Donna Mullin, Nese Orbey, Asil Oztekin, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, Geoffry PhillipsMcEnany, James Propp, Jialun Qin, Joshua, Qian, Muhammad Quayes, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Charlotte Ryan, James Sheff, Michael Shenoda, Shellie Simons, Berk Talay, Stefanie Tate, Nellie Tran (for Sarah Kuhn), Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Joel Therrien, Celeste Tremblay, James Veatch, Jie Wang, Naomi Wernick, Jennifer Wilber, TzuYang Yu

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:40 PM.

1. Minutes of May 7, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting, Attachment 1

It is noted that a final sentence should be added to Item 3 as follows:

“Relative to Teaching Assignments, Provost Abdelal indicated that assigning Teaching Assistants to doctoral students is favored but not required.”

A motion was made to accept the minutes as edited and passed unanimously.

Provost Ahmed Abdelal

Provost Abdelal provided good news about UMass Lowell's national ranking. It is particularly significant that we have advanced for three years in a row. Not all universities are advancing. In 2012, UMass Lowell tied with seven other institutions at #177 (34<sup>th</sup> percentile), and in 2011 was at #166 tied with seven other universities (29<sup>th</sup> percentile). Faculty and staff have made significant contributions to our advancement.

2. Reports, (Vice Provost Mandell)

Vice Provost Mandell announced that a new survey on faculty job satisfaction – COACHE – is forthcoming and will be distributed to all tenured and non-tenured faculty. Announcements will come via “UML Today” e-mail.

a. National Survey of Student Engagement, (NSSE)

Vice Provost Mandell noted that enormous strides are being made in the area of diversity. Relative to peer and peer aspirant institutions our freshmen are less satisfied with their academic advising experience. However, our seniors are satisfied with their UMass Lowell experience.

b. STARFISH

Vice Provost Mandell stated that STARFISH is a tool which assists with student retention.

c. New England Association of Schools and Colleges, (NEASC)

The next NEASC draft is due by the end of October.

3. Digital Measures/Activity Insight, (Vice Provost Chen), Attachment 2

Vice Provost Chen announced that last year we attempted to assemble a booklet summarizing faculty accomplishments but the method of obtaining information meant that numerous e-mails had to be sent. We have been trying to come up with a way to get all the information together perhaps using some kind of template. Digital Measures is used by a lot of other universities and is customizable. Implementation will involve obtaining Faculty CV's and inputting them into the system. Once a CV is in place a faculty member can very easily go into the system and add data using a drop-down menu.

4. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, (Professor Buzawa)

June 6 and September 19, 2012 Meetings

New Degrees

- M.S. and PhD in Exercise and Health Sciences, UMass Boston
- Ph.D. Sociology, UMass Boston
- Ph.D. Applied Linguistics, UMass Boston
- M.S./M.S. in Security Studies UMass Lowell

Henry Thomas appointed by Governor as new chair and replaced Karam. There are two new Chancellors- Kumble R. Subbaswamy (Amherst) and Divina Grossman Dartmouth.

President Robert Caret

1. \$2.9 billion operating budget for FY 2013 and working on a \$3.1 billion 5 year capital plan
2. Largest class in history of UMass – 71,000
  - 6% increase
  - 16% in last 5 years

3. Noted that UMass Lowell now in the top tier and on the rise
4. UMass 13<sup>th</sup> in nation for commercialization of technology
5. Mellenbrook Report –online  
UMassOnline is 3 years away from paying off its loan obligations, and may have to accrue additional debt to support the Learning Management Platform migration. They recommended that as new leadership is introduced to the University of Massachusetts, we keep our current service and revenue model with a focus on maintaining quality and reliable services

#### Advancement

\$94 million  
3<sup>rd</sup> highest total in history

#### Report Card – President Caret’s efforts commended by Reville

There is a push by the Central Office to develop benchmarks due to pressure by the Governor’s Office.

The ICC reviewed the draft of a Report Card being developed by the President’s Office

5. Mission Statement, (Professor Carter), Attachment 3  
Michael Carter presented the Mission Statement. A motion was made to approve the statement. All members with the exception of one, who abstained, approved the motion.
6. Budget Projects and Contingency Planning, (Professor Carter), Attachment 4  
Michael Carter provided a report on Capital Budget Projects approved at the recent A&F meeting of the Board of Trustees. He also noted that campus A&F departments have been instructed to prepare contingency funding plans to be implemented under varying possible scenarios of cutbacks in state support cutbacks. There will be another meeting of the Board to discuss the campus plans on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Eve Buzawa will attend and report on that Board meeting at our next senate meeting.
7. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Sherwood), Attachment 4
  - a. Fast Track MS to DNP Program, Attachment 5  
Angela Nannini provided an overview of the MS to DNP Program. A motion was made to accept the program. It passed unanimously.
8. Policy on “Schools Within Colleges,” (Professor Carter), Attachment 6  
Michael Carter presented an overview on the process for conversion of some large research intensive academic departments to “Schools Within Colleges.” Eve Buzawa then presented Criminal Justice’s conversion into the School of Criminology and Social Justice as an example. Following the discussion Karen Melillo, citing the accomplishments of the Nursing department, gave a report on progress being made on establishing a School of Nursing that would function as a College with its own Dean.

The concept of “Schools Within Colleges” was placed on the agenda for information to avoid confusion of Schools within Colleges with stand alone Schools that are in fact Colleges. The faculty senate does not vote on administrative decisions concerning departmental structural change, unless such change impacts the content of academic programs delivered by the department.

9. Other Business

a. Cool Science, [www.coolscience.net](http://www.coolscience.net), (Professor Lustick), Attachment 7

David Lustick was unable to make the meeting. Vice Provost Chen provided an overview of this grant. It features a Climate Change Science Art competition for all K through 16 Massachusetts students, where winning artwork will be displayed on Lowell's mass transit system.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.