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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

October 4, 2010

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Attendees: Doreen Arcus, Craig Armiento, Francis Bonner, Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Janie Casello Bouges, Nicole Champagne, Shehong Chen, Liana Cheney, Timothy Crain, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Joseph Fisher, Marie Frank, Steven Freund, Ken Geiser, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Ann Marie Hurley, Russell Karl, David Kazmer, minjeong Kim, Margaret Knight, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Arthur Mittler, Betty Morgan, Martin Moser, Donna Mullin, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Robert Parkin, Jialun Qin, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, Daniel Schmidt, James Sherwood, Jay Simmons, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Craig Slatin, Jacob Stowell, Stefanie Tate, Jin Xu, Yi Yang.

Absent: Diana Archibald, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Cindy Chen, Mitra Das, Alan Doerr, Cynthia Ferrara, Stuart Freedman, Clayton French, Andrew Hostetler, Oliver Ibe, Robert Karasek, Ellen Keane, Alexander Kheifets, Robert Kunzendorf, Xuejun Lu, Mufeed Mahd, Sanjeev Manohar, Geoffrey McEnany, Eric Nelson, Christopher Niezrecki, David Ryan, Nancy Selleck, Paul Song, Chronis Stamatiadis, Anthony Szczesiul, Jie Wang, Ellen Wetmore, Thomas Wilson, Holly Yanco, Jackie Shang.

The meeting convened at 3:37.

Ann Marie Hurley called the meeting to order and welcomed Provost Ahmed Abdelal.

The Provost drew attention to the current expansion of academic programs underway. Undergraduate programs are being expanded but the further development of masters' and doctoral programs is needed across the board as well. Dean Nina Coppens will be establishing a committee to examine the further expansion of doctoral programs in a number of tracts. The College of Management is working on developing a doctoral program in Business Administration. He strongly encourages faculty to reflect on the possibility of new programs as their doing so contributes to the strategic role of academic growth.

#### Official Business

Minutes of the May 3, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting were accepted and passed unanimously.

### Report of Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Eve Buzawa presented said report. System wide there is still a substantial gap between the overall revenue from the state last year and this year's revenue thus far. At this time we don't know what the state budget is because amount of federal monies had not been determined. Last year the state appropriate was augmented by a substantial amount of federal stimulus money. Stimulus money this year will be less and is yet to be determined. President Wilson provided a best guess as \$90 million less overall. On a positive note student fees which were rebated last year will not be this year so that will make up some of the gap. Enrollment increases are helping. All other campuses have increased enrollment, with the exception of Dartmouth which lost \$2 million due to decrease in enrollment.

Two graduate programs passed at UMass Boston without any objection (PhD in Cognitive Development and Brain Science and an MA in Applied Economics). They have seven new doctoral programs pending.

The Provost interjected that 70% of the annual budget comes from student fees. Each campus has to compete nationally and globally. Eve offered to provide a copy of a "quality proposal" template being used by many other institutions. The Board is very receptive to new proposals and not inclined to go out of the way to resist. Kate Harrington, President's office, is willing to be supportive and work with good quality programs to get them through the Board of Higher Education.

### Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (Jim Sherwood)

The motion to accept a new Graduate Course Grade Appeal Process, as presented by Deborah White, was accepted and passed unanimously.

Eve Buzawa interjected that UMass Amherst changed their general education courses to 4 credit courses.

### Points of Information

Liana Cheney noted the new signage across the campus and thanked the Safety Committee. The Parking Committee continues to resolve parking issues

Vice Provost Charlotte Mandell initiated an ISIS advisement report committee. Michael Graves spoke about his work on the committee and indicated that much cleanup has been achieved as the Chairs work with Michelle Chadwick of the Registrar's office.

### Research Committee (Robert Parkin)

Bob Parkin will be meeting with the Massachusetts Society of Professors (MSP) to rectify a problematic issue relative to intellectual property and hopes to figure out a simple modification to the faculty contract.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16.

Minutes prepared by Martha Burns.