

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate

Minutes of October 6, 2003

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Jacqueline S. Dowling, Faculty Senate Member

Meeting commenced at 3:35pm, Alumni Hall

I. Minutes of May 5, 2003 tabled until November meeting.

II. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

The Board meets four times a year.

Summer resignation of William Bulger.

Board changes are expected.

Passed \$750 fee increased.

Chancellor Hogan anticipating \$4 - 4 1/2 million cut next year.

III. Standing Committees

A. Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee

1. Resolution #1. The Faculty Senate resolves that the undergraduate proposal sponsored by the Department of Mathematical Sciences for their redesigned Bachelor of Science degree programs be approved for the basic degree as well as concentrations in Applied and Computational Mathematics, Bioinformatics, Business Applications, Computer Science, Probability and Statistics, and Teaching (see attached). Motion unanimously approved.

Discussion: Impetus is from the AQAD Review. Repackaged for recruitment purposes. The number of credits in the major will be decreased from 60 to 45 credits.

2. Resolution #2. The Faculty Senate resolves that the proposed title of the new college of health and work environment be approved as the *School of Health and Environment* (see attached). Motion approved (14 yes, 7 no, 3 abstentions).

Discussion: Lengthy. Initial concern voiced by Susan Houde that this proposal had not gone to Graduate Policy as she had been informed that it would be on their next agenda. Ann Marie indicated that it did not need to do so. Concern was raised about the terms "School" vs "College." Susan Houde voiced that she had received two Email messages identifying concerns with the change to "School." Ad Hoc naming committee chair, Linda Silka, stated that committee reviewed the terms and found that "School" is used to represent both undergraduate and graduate programs. Dean Wegman based his decision on this committee's recommendations. According to Dean Wegman, the new title represents energy, disciplinary image, and is encouraged as a standard by government and private foundations. The term "School" is more indicative

of professional and academic training as well as a marriage of research, teaching, and scholarship. One senate member verbalized concern with moving ahead with this proposal when there was this difference of opinion with these terms and should this be tabled until the next Senate meeting. Dean Wegman stated that the Board of Trustees meets prior to the next Senate meeting and then does not meet until January. He would like to move forward with the name. Linda Silka stated that time was an issue which is why the committee met in June. Sandy Fessier stated that the committee primarily focused on the name and not "College" or "School," ample time was give to this task. Robert Parkin verbalized concern about members buying into this name change without a thorough investigation of its repercussions. A work environment representative stated that the term "School" represented "a new beginning for us."

B. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee - No resolutions

C. Academic Resources Committee - No resolutions

Announcements: New members are invited to participate.

Concerns: Intellectual property. Increase in part-time faculty (selection, quality of programs/academic advising, teaching two courses per semester). Academic resources such as the library have little faculty input. Encouraged to submit book orders to the library - funds are limited but do not want to lose what there is.

Interdisciplinary intercollegiate coding of courses. Investigating course coded as 59. It was noted that although they are often taught by non-faculty, those who teach these courses have an MS in education.

D. Research and Development Committee – No resolutions

E. Budget and Priorities Committee - No resolutions

F. Academic Governance Committee - No resolutions

III. Old Business - None

IV. New Business - Question was raised about faculty senate meeting with the NEASC team.

V. Adjournment at 4:20 pm.

VI. Next meeting: Monday, November 3, 2003, 3:30 pm Alumni Hall