UMass Lowell
Faculty Senate
October 6, 2008

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley
Attendees:

Meeting commenced at 3:40

Ann Marie introduced Teleconferencing set-up. Meeting on North in Olsen Hall and on South campus in Coburn. First meeting of semester; expected Provost Abdelal to speak, however, he became unavailable and unable to attend.

Faculty Representative to the BOT → Michael Carter

- UMass to strengthen Life Science over next five years – Intercampus – Commission: Susan Braunhut
- Provost Ahmed Abdelal focusing on first-year retention issues; we are currently at level with our peers but UML wants to improve
  o Will focus on:
    ▪ bottom 20% in gpa – Academic Performance
    ▪ Relationship with Professors
    ▪ Financial Aid
- Five year capital budget for UMass
  o Contract Status
    ▪ Mass shortfall 5-7% cut possible
    ▪ No indication of movement
  o Caution with current economic status
    ▪ Academic building on south campus
    ▪ Garage on north campus
    ▪ M2D2
    ▪ Nanotech Building
    ▪ Dorms on East
- Push to streamline/integrate K-12 systems statewide; HS to college; transfer credits – system/state wide
- Next BOT meeting → End of December; Interim Meetings TBD

Committee Reports:

Academic Resources – no resolutions
GPAC – no resolutions
Research & Development – no resolutions
UPC –
Adding Department of Operations and Information Systems to the College of Management
Questions on space allocation and cost to institution
  • Space will remain in Southwick 201
  • Only added expense will be chair stipend course buyout for department chair

**Vote:** unanimous to accept

**Other Business:**
John Wooding asked about by-laws and election of officers
Ann Marie explained it needed to go before executive committee and will be presented at next meeting ➔ November 3rd.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:55