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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

November 1, 2010

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Attendees: Doreen Arcus, Craig Armiento, Francis Bonner, Eve Buzawa, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Janie Casello Bouges, Nicole Champagne, Shehong Chen, Cindy Chen, Liana Cheney, Mitra Das, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Joseph Fisher, Stuart Freedman, Clayton French, Steven Freund, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Andrew Hostetler, Ann Marie Hurley, Russell Karl, David Kazmer, Margaret Knight, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, David Lustick, Mufeed Mahd, Sanjeev Manohar, Geoffry McEnany, Arthur Mittler, Betty Morgan, Martin Moser, Julie Nash, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Christopher Niezrecki, Robert Parkin, Jialun Qin, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Nancy Selleck, James Sherwood, Jay Simmons, Shellie Simons, Paul Song, Chronis Stamatiadis, Jacob Stowell, Stefanie Tate, Jin Xu, Yi Yang

Absent: Diana Archibald, Bryan Buchholz, Sean Collins, Timothy Crain, Alan Doerr, Cynthia Ferrara, Marie Frank, Ken Geiser, Michael Graves, Oliver Ibe, Robert Karasek, Ellen Keane, Alexander Kheifets, Minjeong Kim, Robert Kundendorf, Xuejun Lu, Margaret Manion, Donna Mullin, Eric Nelson, Daniel Schmidt, Jana Sladkova, Craig Slatin, Jie Wang, Ellen Wetmore, Thomas Wilson, Holly Yanco, Jackie Zhang

The meeting convened at 3:36 p.m.

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

### **Official Business**

A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the October 4, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Michael Carter reported that there have been no further public meetings. Another round of meetings will begin at the end of November. He has been attending meetings of the Search Committee for President of the Umass system but essentially there is not a lot to say because the names of all individuals interested in the position must be kept confidential. Ann Marie Hurley inquired as to there being any timetable at this point to which Michael responded that by December 8<sup>th</sup> the committee would like to recommend three or four top candidates to the board.

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

Jim Sherwood and Art Mittler introduced the M.A. and B.A. proposals in Peace and Conflict Studies. Paula Rayman was invited to speak. She informed the audience that many people have been shepherding this effort through and she wanted to extend her heartfelt thanks. The proposals represent a great deal of effort over the span of at least a year where the various iterations of said proposals were reviewed by the GPAC, UPC and Executive Committees of the Faculty Senate. She thanked the committees, the leadership of the Provost's office and Dean Nina Coppens.

The proposals contain three specific research areas:

1. Roots of conflict
2. Conflict resolution – noting that increasing globalization, issues of ethnic conflict in divided societies, significant issues in the areas of security, homeland security)
3. Building Peace – noting that technological development has a lot to do with building peace across boundaries

David Lustick stated that he believes that these proposals are well timed and inquired as to why natural resources (specifically water), environmental issues, and the role of technology and artificial intelligence were not touched upon.

A motion was made to accept the M.A. proposal in Peace and Conflict Studies. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the B.A. proposal in Peace and Conflict Studies. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) (Arthur Mittler)**

### **Interdisciplinary Minor in Disability Studies**

Art Mittler presented the request to approve changes to the interdisciplinary minor in disability studies. A motion was made to accept changes. All voted and the motion passed with one abstention.

### Minor Changes in Academic Integrity Policy

Vice Provost Mandell incorporated time changes to the policy. All voted in favor of changing the time line for responding to students. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional item discussed relative to this item has been tabled for the time being.

### Transfer Policy and Residency Changes

The following language reflects a change to the residency requirements:

*“Permission to pursue off-campus courses in regionally accredited associate degree institutions may be granted to students who have transferred fewer than 60 credits from associate-degree institutions and only for courses which are to be presented for lower-division requirements of University of Massachusetts curricula.”*

The Faculty Senate body and members of the Administration agreed that the new language, instead, should read as follows:

*“Permission to pursue off-campus courses in regionally accredited associate degree institutions may be granted to students from associate-degree institutions and only for courses which are to be presented for lower-division requirements of University of Massachusetts curricula up to a maximum of 60 credits.”*

And,

After the sentence—“All off-campus courses must be taken under the regular grading system and may not be taken on a pass-no credit (pass/fail) basis.”—the following will be inserted: “Residency rules will apply.”

Ann Marie Hurley made a motion to accept these changes. All voted in favor and the motion passed with two abstentions.

### Research Committee

Bob Parkin informed the audience that a meeting was held on October 25 with representatives from the Research Committee, the Executive Committee of MSP, CVIP and the Provost’s office to discuss/rectify a problematic issue relative to intellectual property.

He stated that we are moving toward unanimity with the purpose of making intellectual property a money-maker.

### Point of Information

Larry Siegel, Dean of Students, appeared to discuss the issue of disruptive students within the university. At the present time Larry’s office has been receiving three to four faculty referrals per week. The office is aware of approximately 25 students at this time. Larry stressed the

importance of faculty members contacting the Dean of Students office at ext. 2100 if there is a concern for his/her own welfare or for the welfare of a student or students. Annie Ciaraldi, Associate Dean of Students, is conducting a workshop on Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in Dugan Hall, Room 204.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Minutes prepared by Martha Burns