

Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate

From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary

Date: November 3, 1997

Re: Minutes, November 3, 1997, Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, November 3, 1997 at 3:35 PM in Pasteur 301. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; William Phelan, Education; Dominick Sama, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; Donald Leitch, Civil Eng; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Eng; Dick Kalluri, Electrical Eng; Walter Kuklinski, Electrical Eng; Robert Tuholski, Engineering Tech; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Carol Barry, Plastics Eng; Ross Stacer, Plastics Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Sheila Perrault, Nursing; Joyce White, Physical Therapy; Michael Carter, Economics; Charles Ryan, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Linda Saitz, Language; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Hai B. Pho, Political Science; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Jean Pyle, RESD; Thomas Shea, Biology; Kuang-Pang Li, Chemistry; Raymond Gumb, Computer Science; Dan S. Golomb, Earth Science; Bodo Reinisch, Earth Science; Thomas Kudzma, Mathematics; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Irwin Shapiro, Management; Valerie Kijewski, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkinen, Art; Paula Telesco, Music.

Agenda

There was no objection to Senate President Nicolosi's request that the agenda be altered in order to begin with Item III, Invited Presentation.

I. Invited Presentation: Mr. Lou Petrovic,

Director of External Funding, Technology Transfer and Partnering made a brief presentation. He indicated that there are three overlapping components to his role, which are unique on this campus. These components are: (1) the Research Foundation, (2) Commercial ventures and intellectual property, and (3) Impact Institute for Massachusetts Partnering and Commercializing of Technology. Mr. Petrovic informed the Senate about programs at the Research Foundation designed to help faculty with their research. He described the new facility at the Research Foundation, including the new conference room. He invited the faculty to visit the Research Foundation, and to utilize this new facility. He concluded by asking Professor Punnett, Chair of the Research and Development Committee to join him in congratulating Professor Nicolosi for his recent agreement with Monsanto, which will have long-term implications for the University including potentially large amounts of funds for the University. Mr. Petrovic indicated that his hope is that other members of the faculty will experience similar success.

The second invited presentation was made by Paige Gibbs, a member of the steering committee from the Faculty Senate, UMASS Dartmouth. Ms Gibbs made a brief presentation in which she described recent Faculty Senate Activities on the Dartmouth

campus. She indicated that she brought printed material, which will be left with the Senate office. This material describes the establishment and structure of the Faculty Senate, its committees and responsibilities. She then described the most recent initiative of the Senate, which is the culmination of three years of work in establishing a General Education program. This work involved many committees, outside consultants, and numerous reporting to the Faculty Senate before the final vote this semester. Material describing the recommendations regarding General Education will be left with the Lowell Senate office.

II. Announcements.

Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: (1) The resolutions from the April 1997 meeting of the Faculty Senate have been accepted by the administration. We are awaiting a response regarding the resolutions passed at the May meeting. (2) Union Liaison - In an effort to maintain a more effective relationship with the Faculty Union two liaisons have been established. Professor Parkin will represent the Faculty Senate and attend the meetings of the Union Executive Board; and Professor Levon Chorbajian will attend the meetings of the Faculty Senate as the representative of the Union Executive Board. He will be available to answer questions that arise regarding the union's perspective on issues that come before the Senate. (3) Task force on General Education - A handout has been distributed regarding the Task Force on General Education. The handout describes the Task Force and its membership. This is a different committee from the Senate Subcommittee on General Education. The Faculty Senate is well represented on the Task Force. The Senate will be kept informed as the Task Force conducts its work.

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The Minutes of the October 6, 1997 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

IV. Reports on Meetings

1. Board of Trustees Meetings and Inter Campus Council. Professor Phelan, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Inter Campus Council commented on his report on the September and October meetings of the Board, and the October meeting of the Inter Campus Council. Copies of his report were distributed with the agenda for the meeting. Copies of the Draft Minutes of the Inter Campus Council were also distributed with the agenda for the meeting. In response to a question about "Performance Measurement" Professor Phelan stated that copies of the "Performance Measurement System Framework Report" will be distributed to all Senators as soon as he receives it. He asked Senators to respond to him with their input before the next subcommittee meetings of the Board, which are scheduled for November 18th.

2. Athletic Committee Professor Waterman, Faculty Senate representative on the University Athletic Committee made a brief report. He informed the Senate about progress in new athletic facilities, the success of the various University teams, new developments in the area of gender equity, and future plans in the area of athletics.

4. Library Liaison. Professor Alma Espinosa reported that allocations for purchasing

monographs have been increased for the current fiscal year. She emphasized that this money should be spent early. She urged faculty to continue to press for additional funds for the future. Professor Espinosa also reminded the Senate that some faculty need upgrades on the computers in their faculty offices so that they can have access to Netscape 4.0 and Windows 95, in order to access the new Email system, the World Wide Web, and the data bases in the Library.

5. Academic Governance - Professor Janet Burke reported that she attended the last Faculty Senate Meeting on the Dartmouth Campus. Most of the meeting was devoted to the final approval of the new General Education requirements. (This was reported on by Paige Gibbs earlier in the meeting.) Dr. Burke also reported that she observed several procedures utilized by the Dartmouth Faculty Senate, which are very efficient and could be adopted at Lowell. Dartmouth has a policy of ending all meetings promptly at 5:00PM. This generally results in no loss of a quorum in the 4:30-5:00PM time period. Dr. Burke suggested that Lowell adopt this policy and that it be printed on the meeting agenda. There was unanimous support for this proposal.

V. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic governance. Professor Michael Jones presented the following By-Laws revision for discussion and vote. This revision was presented to the Senate at the October meeting.

RESOLUTION That the Faculty Senate By-laws be amended by inserting the following wording on Page 4, at Line 16:

"A newly created Department may elect a number of prospective senators, according to the standard formula (i.e. one senator per 10 faculty) and petition the Academic Governance Committee of the Faculty Senate to gain Senate membership pro tem for those prospective Senators until the next election cycle."

DISCUSSION Professor Irwin Shapiro asked whether a reduction in the number of Senators in an old department would also result from this By-laws revision. Professor Parkin clarified this pointing out that the key phrase is "petition the Academic Governance Committee", who will look at the issue to insure fair representation. Professor Siegel asked about the language "prospective senator" and "pro tem" . Professor Parkin indicated that the new senators are elected by their department as prospective Senators, and then the Academic Governance Committee may grant them full membership rights.

VOTE YES 33 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Professor Jones presented the following by-Laws revision. This revision will be discussed and voted on at the December meeting of the Faculty Senate.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends the following By-laws revision: Delete Section III A and subsections 1 through 2, beginning at line 23 on page 1 and ending at line 3 on page 2, and replace with:

A. The faculty exercise primary responsibility in such academic matters as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, admissions, libraries and other aspects of university life which are directly related to the educational process.

1. Whenever an academic program is proposed to be added, deleted, or amended substantially, it is the responsibility of the Faculty Senate to approve or disapprove such proposals and to pass its recommendations on to the Chancellor.

2. Other members of the University community, shall have the opportunity to present their views on academic matters to the Faculty Senate.

Senators were reminded that supporting documentation regarding this amendment was included with the mailing for the meeting.

Professor Jones announced that the next meeting of the committee is immediately following today's Senate meeting.

V. Senate Standing committees (continued)

2. Undergraduate Policy. Professor Mittler reported that the committee met and has agreed on policy and procedures for the General Education Committee. He has appointed the members of the committee. A meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th at 3:00PM to elect a Chair. The Undergraduate Policy Committee will meet on Monday, November 10th at 3:30PM in the Senate Conference Room, Alumni 103.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs Professor Parkin reported that there is no new business. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th at 3:30PM in Ball Hall 301.

4. Research and Development. Professor Punnett reported that there are no new resolutions. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th in Kitson 200 at 1:15PM.

5. Academic Resources. Professor Burke reminded the members of the committee that there will be a brief meeting following the Senate meeting for the purpose of electing a Chair. 6. Budget and Priorities. There was no report from the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM.