

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 6, 2006
Alumni Hall

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Susan Yuhas

Attendees: Monty Carter, Sherre Strickland, James Jeffers, Thomas Shea, Francis Bonner, Pradeep Kurup, Nicole Champagne, Eve Buzawa, Jacob Stowell, Liana Cheney, Judith Davidson, Anita Greenwood, Jay Simmons, Michael Carter, Craig Armiento, Oliver Ibe, Bodo Reinisch, Shehong Chen, Christoph Strobel, Richard Slapsys, Stuart Freedman, Valerie Kijewski, Yash Puri, Alan Doerr, Dan Klain, Christopher Niezrecki, Robert Parkin, James Sherwood, Alex Case, Geoffry McEnany, Todd Hultman, Sean Collins, Joyce White, Partha Chowdhury, Clayton French, Arthur Mittler, Dave Kazmer, Aart Holtstag, A. Nick Minton, Khanh Dinh, Jason Lawrence, Mitra Das, Charlotte Ryan, Rafael Moure-Eraso, Francis Bonner, Alex Kheifets

Meeting commenced at 3:37 pm

- I. Minutes from October, 2006 were accepted with the following change:
remove "six months" from term of interim chancellor.

- II. **Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees:** Michael Carter
 - a. Subcommittee of finance committee met. Year end FY2006 numbers were reported on:
 - 3.8 million over budget
 - FY2006 -3.5% over revenue; -.5% year prior
 - cushion greatly reduced
 - endowment up 9%
 - increase in staff 3.6%
 - b. Bellyard Boathouse: to UML (short term line of credit established)

III. Standing Committees

- a. **Academic Resources:** Liana Cheney
No resolutions. Comment on workshops on assessment/programs of interest. Trying to find economic avenue to address faculty. Concern about budget cut for council, money cut substantially.

Question to Provost Wooding regarding perceived negative comment that was made at community forum regarding UML faculty research.
Explanation of meeting setting and state of public universities...emphasis on research and publication, not teaching.

b. ***Undergraduate Policy Committee***: Art Mittler

Resolution: minor change proposed to University Honors criteria...from “*earned a minimum of 60 semester credits at the University as an upper class student*”...to...“*earned a minimum of 60 semester credits from the University of Massachusetts Lowell as an upper class student.*”

Discussion around study abroad students and their inability to qualify.

Motion made to send resolution back to committee.

***Motion Carries**

Other issues: Academic Integrity Policy (revamp)

c. ***GPAC***: Bodo Reinisch

No resolutions. Academic Integrity Policy addressed.

Question regarding GPAC process and specifically a resolution regarding a Work Environment/Green Chemistry proposal. Discussion around policy.

d. ***Research and Development***: Tom Shea

No resolutions

IV. Guest Speaker: Chris Tilly, *International Transformation Team*

Global and international focus at UML.

Report on what is going on at the UMass schools from an international perspective.

- a. student exchange
- b. attracting, accommodating and integrating international students
- c. research collaboration, working with faculty around the world
- d. internationalizing student life

A lot is going on around the campus but not institutionalized. Need for support and institutionalization to grow program. If no additional resources are made available, not interested in going forward.

Initial proposal incorporates an International Programs Office, involving consolidation of some programs, and an International Council to promote ideas. Likely two additional staff members would be needed.

TBA: initial meeting (Nov. 27?)—get together to talk about report and plant seeds for an international council.

V. Other Business:

- a. Chancellor MacKenzie and Provost Wooding made comments about budget. Optimistic for next year.
- b. Motion called for how to explain process of GPAC.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm