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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

December 6, 2010

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Attendees: Doreen Arcus, Craig Armiento, Francis Bonner, Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Michael Carter, Janie Casello Bouges, Nicole Champagne, Cindy Chen, Liana Cheney, Mitra Das, Alan Doerr, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Joseph Fisher, Clayton French, Steven Freund, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Andrew Hostetler, Ann Marie Hurley, Russell Karl, David Kazmer, Minjeong Kim, Margaret Knight, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Geoffry McEnany, Arthur Mittler, Betty Morgan, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Julie Nash, Christopher Niezrecki, Robert Parkin, Miki Patterson, Jialun Qin, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, James Sherwood, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Craig Slatin, Paul Song, Chronis Stamatiadis, Jacob Stowell, Stefanie Tate, Ellen Wetmore, Yi Yang

Absent: Diana Archibald, Alexander Case, Shehong Chen, Sean Collins, Timothy Crain, Cynthia Ferrara, Marie Frank, Stuart Freedman, Ken Geiser, Oliver Ibe, Robert Karasek, Alexander Kheifets, Robert Kunzendorf, Xuejun Lu, Mufeed Mahd, Sanjeev Manohar, Martin Moser, Donna Mullin, Eric Nelson, Daniel Schmidt, Nancy Selleck, Jay Simmons, Jie Wang, Thomas Wilson, Jin Xu, Holly Yanco, Jackie Zhang

The meeting convened at 3:36 p.m.

Ann Marie Hurley called the meeting to order.

### **Official Business**

A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the November 1, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

### Financial Situation of the Campus Year End FY 2010

- UML's Financial Performance in Fiscal 2010 was very strong despite the weak economy.
- Operating Margin = 11%
- Rate of Return on net Assets = 40+% (Tsongas Center purchase for \$1 helped!)
- UML's Financial Cushion (unrestricted net assets/total operating Expenses) rose to 22.7%

### Fiscal 2012 challenges for UMass system

- State appropriation for UMass system in FY 2012 projected to be ~61 million below FY 2011 state appropriation.
- This projection assumes that state will not make up for loss of \$38.5 million in federal stimulus funds allocated to the University in FY11 and that state will not fund the second year of collective bargaining wage increases.
- All campuses will be allowed to retain out of state tuition. Although there is a one time downward adjustment in the state appropriation equal to the amount of this year's out of state tuition payments, future increases in out of state student enrollments above this academic year's numbers will result in a net increase in campus revenues.
- Also the University's Building Authority had a very successful bond issue of \$500+ million which will lower interest costs on borrowing for capital infrastructure projects on the campuses.
- Student fee increases are likely to be necessary to reduce our funding gap if the FY 2012 projections are accurate. The amount of such increases will not be known until the June meeting of the board.

### Update on Presidential Search

- The search committee had narrowed the field of potential candidates down to a pool of about 12 and was scheduled to meet Nov. 17 to try to narrow the field further to 3 or 4 candidates who would be recommended to the full board. The full board would then choose the next president of the UMass system from among those finalists. The identities of all candidates were expected to be kept confidential until the finalists had been chosen, at which time state law mandates that they must allow their names to be made public in order to remain in consideration for the position as University President.
- The meeting was cancelled and several names of candidates in the pool of 12 have since been leaked to the press. Our own chancellor Marty Meehan's name was prominently mentioned as having the inside track and Governor Patrick expressed displeasure with the search process claiming it had the appearance of being politicized. Chancellor Meehan has since withdrawn his name from further consideration for the position. There has been speculation that the Patrick administration initiated the leaks to force Meehan and possibly other candidates out of the pool in order to pave the way for a Patrick favorite to secure the appointment.

### **Academic Governance Committee**

Liana Cheney presented a proposal relative to the search for a Library Director. She noted that “students” should be added as having access to the open interviews. Provost Abdelal stated that he would like to have a national search and is comfortable with the resolution. The job description for the new Library Director was created with input from the current Director.

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

Jim Sherwood presented the proposal to change the name of the MIS Degree in Health Management and Policy to Informatics and Management. The original assumed direction of the program was “health policy” but has changed to a focus on “informatics.” A motion was made to accept the proposal. It passed unanimously.

Jim Sherwood presented the proposal to rename the Ed.D. degree to a Ph.D. degree. The degree has moved to being more of a research degree. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It passed unanimously.

Jim Sherwood presented the proposal to add a Graduate Certificate in Teaching Elementary Mathematics (1-6) stating that its goal is to increase teachers’ comfort levels in teaching Mathematics. Dean Greenwood stated that most elementary teachers don’t have much background and the intent of this proposal is to address the need. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It passed unanimously.

Jim Whitten presented the proposal for a Professional Science Masters in Chemistry and Polymer Science and Pharmaceutical Biochemistry. Craig Slatin asked about a possible overlap with the pharmacy school. The chemistry department already has a close association the clinical lab sciences department. Provost Abdelal spoke to the importance of interdisciplinary programs. He stated that the focus of the discipline must lie in which faculty member has the ability and expertise to teach it. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It passed unanimously.

Paul Tracy presented the proposal for a Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice. He extended gratitude to all who have contributed to the proposal. The GPAC and Executive Committees of the Faculty Senate provided valuable feedback. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Minutes prepared by Martha Burns