

Memorandum

TO: Faculty and Librarians

FROM: J. Burke, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate

DATE: December 7, 1998

RE: Minutes: December 7, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, December 7, 1998 at 3:30 PM in the Faculty Lounge Alumni Hall. The following Senators were in attendance:

William Phelan, Education; Juan Rodriguez, Education; James Sheff, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; James Rome, Electrical Eng; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; John McKelliget, Mechanical Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; David Hirschel, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter Economics; Charles Ryan, English; Jeannie Judge, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Peter Blewett, History; Linda Saitz, Language; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Jane Freimiller, Philosophy; Jeffery Gerson, Political Science; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Philip Moss, RESD; Robert Lechner, Computer Science; Bodo Reinisch, Earth Science; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; AnnMarie Hurley, Mathematics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; George Chabot, Physics; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Eugene Rogers, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Leanne Hoff, Nursing; Sue Bergmeier, Physical Therapy; Sanhphill Kim, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkkinen, Art; Paula Telesco, Music ; Rosita Sands, Music

AGENDA

I. Announcements: Professor Nicolosi made the following announcements:

(1) Moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed for Professor Ye-Yung Teng, Department of Physics a recently deceased member of the faculty.

(2) Formation of Merger Study Committee. The following faculty have been nominated for the Merger Study Committee: Administrative Appointees include: Dr. William Phelan (Education), Dr. Arlene McCormack (R.E.S.D), Dean Nancy Kleniewski (and her choice of one other), Dean Robert Tamarin, Dr. Paul Rahmeier, Dr. Aldo Crugnola (or Dr. William Moeller; Senate appointees include: Professor Liana Cheney, Professor Peter Blewett, Professor Will Moylan, and Professor John Ogasapian.

Professor Nicolosi called for a vote of approval

VOTE 27 YES 0 NO 2 ABSTAIN

II. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the November 2, 1998 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

III. Reports on Meetings

Board of Trustees Meetings - Professor William Phelan and Professor Michael Carter reported on the November/December meetings of the Board of Trustees. Copies of their reports were distributed to all Senators and will be posted on the Senate Web Page. Professor Phelan called attention to the Trustees' discussions on enrollment goals and objectives and standards for admissions. Professor Carter reported on the Administration and Finance Committee meeting and discussions regarding new bond ratings. He

indicated that our financial information looks good in this respect. There is a planned increase in tuition and fees. The Board of Trustees prefer a 5% tuition reduction while holding fees steady. The Trustees also discussed restructuring and refinancing of programs on each campus.

IV. Senate Standing Committees

1. Undergraduate Policy - Professor Mittler presented the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends the approval of the Continuing Education proposal - The Certificate in Community Policing.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

VOTE 32 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends the approval of the Continuing Education proposal - The Certificate in Client/Server Technology.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

VOTE 32 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends the approval of the Continuing Education proposal - The Certificate in Web Design & Development.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

VOTE 31 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends the approval of the Continuing Education proposal - The Certificate in Game Design.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

VOTE 30 YES 1 NO 2 ABSTAIN

Professor Mittler reported that the committee is working on the following issues:

General education, academic standings, and a possible change in the add / drop dates.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 3:30 PM in Alumni 103.

2. Academic Governance - Professor Burke reported for the committee. The committee is working on a resolution dealing with the process of creating university task forces and committees.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs- Professor Parkin reported that the committee will meet on Monday, Dec. 14 at 3:30 PM in Alumni 103 . The subject is combined Masters and Bachelors programs as described in the University catalogue. These programs are in Education, Work Environment, and Regional Economic and Social Development.

4. Research & Development- Professor Laura Punnett reported that the committee is working on two issues: (1) allocation of TAs to departments, rationale and formula. They are still awaiting a response on part of this. Professor Punnett cited the Chancellor's new plan for financing TAs . The second issue is faculty workload and having it reflect a variety of activities, not just teaching. She suggested that faculty encourage the union to

work on this . New business for the committee includes the issue of out of state graduate student tuition, also the relationship between various University offices in the hiring of TAs and RAs on research grants. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th from 1:15 to 2:15PM in Alumni 103.

5. Academic Resources- Professor Hellstedt read the following brief report from the committee: "We continue to follow developments in the planning process for the renovation of the Allen House and the Agents House at the Lawrence Mills, however at this time there are no new developments to report"

6. Budget and Priorities-Professor Charles Ryan reported that the committee is tabulating the results of the survey. This should be ready for the first senate meeting in the spring.

V. New Business.

1. Professor Rodriguez presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate strongly condemns the violence, threats and intimidation to the UMASS Lowell community and especially to the Student Government Association, its leaders and their advisors which have occurred this semester on campus. We wish these individuals to know we support them fully.

We encourage the University Administration to pursue vigorously the identification of those responsible and to pursue with all the resources available to it, the elimination of violence on campus.

Discussion: Mary Connelly from the office of student activities updated the senate on this matter. Professor Phelan suggested that a copy of the resolution should be sent to the appropriate media . It was the sense of the Senate that this should be done by sending the resolution to Chris McKenna's office.

Vote 37 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN

2. Professor Sheff commented regarding signs taped to doors on campus buildings expressing his displeasure. Mary Connelly responded that they should only be on bulletin boards. She will review this with student organizations.

3. Professor Mittler reported that the meeting between the Union Executive Board and the Senate Executive Committee went well. We hope for further interaction.

4. Professor Blewett raised the issue of the Chancellor's administrative Announcement #16 . A senate process was established several years ago to establish a committee for reviewing programs considered for termination. He asked the senate to implement the process. It was the sense of the Senate that this would happen.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM.