

Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate

From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary

Date: February 5, 1996

Re: Minutes, February 5, 1996 Meeting of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, February 5, 1996 at 3:30 PM in O'Leary 222. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; William Phelan, Education; James Sheff, Chemical & Nuclear Eng.; Venkatarama Krishnan, Electrical Eng; Ziyad Salameh, Electrical Eng; Robert Tuholski, Engineering Tech; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Majid Charmchi, Mechanical Eng; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; David Wegman, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science; Pauline Ladebauche, Nursing; Eileen Williamson, Nursing; Susan Reece, Nursing; Connie Seymour, Physical Therapy; Michael Carter, Economics; Charles Ryan, English; John Staulo, Language; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Robert Innis, Philosophy; Joyce Denning, Political Science; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; David Landrigan, Psychology; Arlene McCormack, Sociology; Harry Rubinstein, Chemistry; Giampiero Pecelli, Computer Science; Jesse Heines, Computer Science; Nelson Eby, Earth Science; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; Marybeth Ruskai, Mathematics; Donald Ameen, Mathematics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Arno Minkinen, Art; Kay Roberts, Music Performance; Scott Fredrickson, Music Business; Margaret Manion, Library;

I. Approval of Minutes. The Minutes of the January 22, 1996 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

II. Announcements. Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements. (1) Senate Elections - The election process for the Faculty Senate occurs during the Spring Semester. There are specific procedures outlined in the By-laws of the Senate. Dr. Burke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, will be communicating with all members of the faculty regarding elections, and will send specific information to Department Chairs. Some deadlines to keep in mind: March 25th, completion of the nomination process; April 1st, completion of elections; April 4th, results sent to the Senate office.

(2) President Bulger - The next meeting of the Inter Campus Council is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th at the Boston Campus. President Bulger is expected to attend. At that time Professor Nicolosi will invite President Bulger to visit the Lowell Campus to meet with the Faculty and the Faculty Senate. (3) Report on Past Actions. It has been suggested by the Executive Committee that as a regular part of the agenda of each Senate Meeting, under Announcements, there be a report from the Senate President on past actions.

Senate President Nicolosi then reported on the business of the last Senate meeting regarding the motion on restructuring. A copy of a letter sent to President Bulger was displayed via an overhead projector. Professor Nicolosi reported that a copy of the Faculty Senate Report on Restructuring exclusive of its Appendix was sent to President

Bulger with the letter. The letter also indicated the principle areas of difference between the Senate report and the recommendations of Chancellor Hogan. These materials were also sent to Chancellor Hogan for his information. Professor Nicolosi reported that a careful review of the By-laws indicated that all materials go through the President to the Board of Trustees.

III. Reports on Meetings

1. Executive Committee: Senate President Nicolosi informed the Senate that the Appointment of Professor Burke as Executive Secretary expires in February. He presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Professor Janet Burke as Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate.

VOTE Yes unanimous

Professor Sheff suggested that the Senate commend and thank Professor Burke. This suggestion was followed by a round of applause.

Professor Fredrickson referred back to the Announcements section of the meeting and raised a question regarding the letter that was sent to President Bulger. He stated that it was his belief that the Senate had recommended continued discussion of the merger of Academic Studies and Performance. Professor Ruskai responded that the letter as well as the Senate's actions were subject to some interpretation, but that the letter does convey the sense of the concern regarding the Chancellor's recommendation to merge the departments.

Professor Roberts asked whether the minutes had been approved. She was informed that they had. She stated that she had a correction. The Parliamentarian suggested that the Senate waive the necessity of a formal motion to reconsider the minutes. It was agreed that Professor Roberts would give Professor Burke a written statement of her perspective and that Professor Burke would review the tape of the meeting. The Parliamentarian stated that if the minutes are revised, they will be presented at the next meeting for a new vote on revised minutes.

Returning to the Agenda, Professor Nicolosi presented the resolution regarding the formation of a Program Review Committee, which had been recommended by the Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION That an Ad Hoc Program Review Committee be established to study and make recommendations regarding restructuring. It shall be composed of two members from each of the following standing committees: Undergraduate Policy, Graduate Policy and Affairs, Budget and Priorities, Research and Development. This committee shall make its report to the Senate by the May meeting.

Professor McCormack asked what the goal of the committee would be. Professor Nicolosi indicated that the committee could be proactive not reactive, and would have more time to evaluate programs.

Professor Ruskai asked why the existing standing committees were not adequate to meet this need. She expressed her concern that the committee be representative of the disciplines across the university. She proposed an amendment to the resolution that would result in the resolution reading as follows: (Bold print indicates amendment)

PROPOSED AMENDED RESOLUTION That an Ad Hoc Program Review Committee be established to study and make recommendations regarding restructuring. It shall include two members from each of the following standing committees: Undergraduate Policy, Graduate Policy and Affairs, Budget and Priorities, Research and Development. This committee shall be representative of the disciplinary breadth of the faculty, including at least one member from each college. This committee shall make its report to the Senate by the May meeting.

The amendment was seconded.

Professor McCormack asked why the existing committees do not do this work. Professor Innis spoke to the importance of having a committee with a broader focus and perspective. Professor Mittler, Chair of the Undergraduate Policy Committee, read a description of the responsibilities of his committee and indicated that the formation of a Program Review Committee would not be redundant, and that the existing Undergraduate Policy Committee does not have the time to do all of the work required. Professor Sheff expressed the hope that the committee would have some flexibility in its scope. Professor Phelan suggested that since this committee will make no action proposals, perhaps Professor Ruskai would consider withdrawing her amendment. He expressed his hope that the committee will be open and go beyond the eight or ten designated members. Professor Ruskai reaffirmed her desire to have faculty from all colleges represented on the committee.

VOTE on the amendment

Yes 23 No 9 Abstain 1

VOTE on the amended resolution

Yes 31 No 0 Abstain 2

IV. Standing Committees

1. Undergraduate Policy Committee - Professor Mittler reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on February 12th. Items for the committee's agenda should be sent to Dr. Mittler or a committee member.

2. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee. Professor Salameh presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends an option be offered to Departments offering Doctoral Degrees. Option 1 - Continue GPA and courses from UML MS degree into UML Doctoral Program on transcript. Option 2 - Separate the GPA and courses for each UML degree with transcripts for each degree.

Professor Futrell explained the resolution, the purpose of which is to provide a means of avoiding mixing the GPAs of masters and doctoral programs on students' transcripts.

Professor Ruskai expressed a concern about utilizing separate transcripts and the problems that might arise.

Professor Futrell responded that transfer students have separate transcripts. She pointed out that the option was the option of the program, not the option of the student. Professor Jones inquired whether the option was by department or college. Professor Futrell responded that it was by department.

Professor Fredrickson pointed out that the present situation penalizes students who have done all their work at UMass Lowell.

The question was called.

VOTE on calling the question

Yes 32 No 1 Abstain 0

VOTE on the Resolution

Yes 29 No 2 Abstain 2

3. Budget and Priorities Committee. Professor Landrigan reported that the Budget Planning Panel has broken down into the following three subcommittees: (1) dealing with the Chancellor's office; (2) dealing with academic affairs; (3) dealing with administration and finance. He indicated that the Budget and Priorities Committee will present resolutions at the next Senate meeting. These resolutions will be "recognitions" regarding the administration's dedication to openness regarding the budgetary process.

4. Academic Resources Committee. Margaret Manion reported that the next meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 2:30 PM in Olsen 106. The committee will meet with personnel from the Telecommunications Department. She called upon Professor Waterman to report on the retirement luncheon. Professor Waterman indicated that he would give the list of 76 retirees to the Executive Secretary to be distributed with the next Senate mailing. Senators were asked to check the list and report any omissions and/or corrections to him or Dr. Burke. The retirement luncheon will be held on May 8th, which is reading day.

5. Research and Development Committee. Professor Eby reported that the committee will look at two issues. The first is the conflict of interest rules for the university. (These rules are currently being reviewed by the administration and the union.) The second is the future of the Research Foundation.

In closing Senate President Nicolosi announced that he and Professor Phelan and Professor Blewett, the former Senate Presidents will be meeting with Chancellor Hogan on Friday, February 9th. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss previously passed senate resolutions and to determine their present status; and secondly to review the role of the Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.