Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President  
Recording: Janet King

Meeting commenced at 3:36

I. Minutes of December 6, 2004 were accepted

II. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees – Michael Carter
   a. No Trustees Meeting since last Senate meeting [12/6/2004]
   b. Meeting at UML next week
   c. Hired new VC for UMass Academic Services – Marcellette Williams
      [formerly Interim Chancellor at UMass Amherst]

III. Standing Committees
   a. Academic Resources [Liana]
      i. Resolution: The Faculty Senate strongly recommends that:
         1. No new academic programs be initiated
         2. No academic programs be terminated
         3. No substantial changes be made in existing academic programs
      Without the review and approval of the Faculty Senate
      **passed unanimously**

   b. Undergraduate Policy Committee [Art]
      No resolutions

   c. Graduate Policy and Affairs [Bodo]
      i. Resolution: Plastics Engineering Department be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate program in Elastomeric Materials
         **passed unanimously**
      ii. Resolution: The Department of Psychology be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Intervention in Autism **passed: 1 opposed – 20 approved**
      iii. Resolution: The Department of Community Health and Sustainability be authorized to change the M.S. Degree in Health Services Administration to the M.S. Degree in Health Management and Policy **passed unanimously**
iv. **Resolution:** The Department of Community Health and Sustainability be authorized to offer three options in the M.S. Degree in Health Management and Policy. These Options are: Management, Health Informatics, Health Policy **passed unanimously**

d. **Research and Development [Tom]**

i. **Resolution:** The Faculty Senate resolves that an ongoing funded research program cannot be halted and suspended by University Administration without an open hearing. This hearing must include a quorum of the Research and Development Committee of the Faculty Senate, and other appropriate persons invited by the Investigator whose program is being investigated. A majority vote/concurrence of all parties (with equal numbers from Administration and R&D faculty, chaired by the University ombud) is required for suspension of halt of research activities. **passed unanimously**

ii. **Resolution:** The Faculty Senate resolves that the Administration must consult the Faculty Senate prior to forming a committee or task force, and that such committees or task forces, at a minimum, must include all willing members of the relevant standing Committees of the Faculty Senate. **passed unanimously**

**Issues:**

- **Faculty Union Rally** – This Thursday, February 10th at the State House – departing UML Cumnock Hall approx. 9:15 am
- **Faculty Union Meeting** next Wed with Campus Admin. to continue contract discussions

- **Faculty Senate Elections** – April/May

- Evaluations / New Admin unable to perform w/accuracy

- Clarification asked regarding undergraduate INC [Incomplete] policy - Jane Worthley read statement and agreed to email corrected announcement

**Meeting adjourned at 4:50**