

Memorandum

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TO: Faculty and Librarians

FROM: J. Burke, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate

DATE: March 1, 1999

RE: Minutes: March 1, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, March 1, 1999 at 3:30 PM in O'Leary 222. The following Senators were in attendance:

Juan Rodriguez, Education; James Rome, Electrical Eng; John McKelliget, Mechanical Eng; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; David Hirschel, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; Charles Ryan, English; Jeannie Judge, English; Joe Zaitchik, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Peter Blewett, History; Jeffery Gerson, Political Science; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Jean Pyle, RESD; Sarah Kuhn, RESD; Daniel Egan, Sociology; Thomas Shea, Biology; Robert Lechner, Computer Science; Bodo Reinisch, Earth Science; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; AnnMarie Hurley, Mathematics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; George Chabot, Physics; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Eugene Rogers, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Nina Coppens, Nursing; Joyce Wells, Nursing; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Sangphill Kim, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkkinen, Art.

Moment of Silence The Faculty Senate observed a moment of silence in respect for Professor Joseph Farrina, Professor Robert Neal and Professor Donald Hilton, recently deceased members of the faculty. The Senate extends sympathies to their families and particularly to Professor Hilton's wife, Professor Barbara Coconour, College of Health Professions.

AGENDA

I. Announcements: Professor Nicolosi made the following announcements: (1) General Education Task Force. The recommendations of the General Education Task Force are currently being discussed by the Undergraduate Policy Committee. It is expected that the UPC will be prepared to present to the Senate, its recommendations regarding the proposal at the April 5th Senate meeting. Copies of the Task Force's proposals have been sent to all faculty. Copies for Senators are available at the attendance desk. There will be an open meeting of the UPC on Monday, March 8th, in Coburn 205, from 3:30- 5:30PM to discuss the proposal. Professor Mittler will speak about this later in today's meeting. (2) Merger Study committee. The committee is now established. The Senate will contact Provost Wagner in order to convene the committee. (3) Ad Hoc Program Review Committee (regarding Adm. Ann. # 16). The committee, which was called for at the December Senate meeting, has been formed according to the guidelines established by the Senate resolution of May 6th 1996. The following individuals will be on the

committee: Professor Nicolosi (chair), Professor Mittler, Professor Liebowitz, Professor Parkin, Professor Reinisch, Professor Saitz, Professor Leitch, Professor Hurley, Professor Gerson. The Faculty Union has reported that impact bargaining has resulted in the retention of the bachelor's degree program in modern languages; and "Professor Aste and his colleagues have been charged with developing a more comprehensive master's degree program, including music and art history, with languages at its core". The Senate will contact either Professor Aste or Dean Kleniewski to obtain information for the Ad Hoc Committee's deliberations. (4) Chancellor's Medal and Community Service Medal Committee. The Senate has nominated seven faculty members to serve on this committee. They are : Juan Rodriguez, Ziyad Salameh, Claire Chamberlain, Riaz Khan, Alan Doerr, Brenda Pinardi, Janet Burke; (5) Election to Union Executive Board The Union is in the process of conducting elections for at large members to its Executive Board. As we discussed at the last Senate meeting, one of the goals of the Senate has been to establish a closer working relationship with the union. Professor Parkin, who Chairs the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee and is Senate Vice President has announced that he will be a candidate. (6) Post Tenure Review. At the February meeting of the Intercampus Council there was a discussion on Post Tenure Review or Periodic Multi Year Review. On the other UMASS campuses the Faculty Senates are very involved with this process. The Executive Board of the Senate decided that we should call for volunteers from the Senate to form a committee in order for the Senate to become more involved in this process on the Lowell campus. Please let Dr. Burke know at the end of today's meeting if you would like to serve on this committee. Professor Tom Shea and Professor James Rome volunteered. (7) Senate Elections . The Senate office is in the process of distributing information to all faculty and to Department Chairs regarding election of Senators for the next academic year. Please note whether the senate guidelines are being observed in your department. Dr. Burke is available for any assistance that you or your department may need. The following dates have been established by the Senate By-laws. Friday, March 26th- completion of the nomination process, Friday April 2nd- completion of the election process, Monday, April 5th- results sent to the Senate office. (8) President's Outreach Council. President Bulger has formed a university wide Outreach Council to "catalyze, enable and advocate for campus-based and system wide outreach at the University of Massachusetts." Dean Moloney and Professor Janet Burke are members of the Policies and Procedures Working Group of the President's Outreach Council. Please contact them if you have input and suggestions regarding policies and procedures for University outreach. (9) Senate Guest-Louise Griffin, Assistant Director of the Research Foundation will be the Senate Guest at the April meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the December 7, 1998 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

III. Reports on Meetings

Board of Trustees Meetings - Copies of Professor William Phelan's and Professor Michael Carter's reports on the November/December meetings of the Board of Trustees were distributed to all Senators and will be posted on the Senate Web Page. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on May 2nd and 3rd.

Inter Campus Council - Professors Burke reported briefly on the February meeting in

Lowell. Copies of the Minutes of the meeting will be distributed as soon as they are available. At the ICC meeting there was a discussion of post tenure review. On other campuses the Faculty Senate has been involved in this process, while the Senate at Lowell has not. The next meeting of the ICC will be held May 5th on the Dartmouth campus.

IV. Senate Standing Committees

1. Undergraduate Policy - Professor Mittler announced that the committee will hold an open meeting on Monday, March 8th in Coburn 205 from 3:30 - 5:30PM to discuss the proposal from the General Education Task Force. In addition the committee will meet on Wednesday, March 3rd in Alumni Hall 103 from 1:00 to 3:00PM. The committee also met last Friday, February 26th. Professor Mittler reported that the UPC has been meeting with the General Education Task Force. Professor Mittler emphasized that the proposal distributed is from the Task Force on General Education. He reminded Senators that they will be voting on this issue and that they should get feedback from colleagues in their departments. In response to a question from Professor Reinisch regarding the organizational structure of the report, Professor Mittler indicated that there are three parts: governance, program, and assessment; and that there is a three page summary at the beginning of the proposal.

2. Academic Governance - Professor Shea reported that there was no new business from the committee.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs- The committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 8th at 3:30PM in Alumni Hall 103.

4. Research & Development- Professor Laura Punnett reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 8th from 1:15 to 2:15 in Alumni Hall 103. The agenda topic is funding of graduate student research assistants.

5. Academic Resources- Professor Pyle announced that the next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, March 4th at 2:00PM in Alumni Hall 103. Professor Waterman announced that the University Retirement luncheon will be held on May 13th from Noon to 3:00PM on campus, possibly in Wannalancit. He read the list of retirees and asked for any corrections.

6. Budget and Priorities-Professor Charles Ryan reported that the committee is tabulating the results of the survey. Professor Liebowitz requested that the committee make recommendations to establish a process for making minor repairs.

V. New Business - Professor Rome commented on a University admissions brochure that he felt was not presenting the university in its best light. It was agreed that he should submit a copy of the brochure along with his concerns to the Executive Secretary for referral to the appropriate Senate committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.