

Memorandum

To: Faculty and Librarians

From: J. Burke, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate

Date: March 2, 1998

Re: Minutes, March 2, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, March 2, 1998, at 3:30 PM in O'Leary 222. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; William Phelan, Education; Dominick Sama, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; Burton Segall, Civil Eng; Donald Leitch, Civil Eng; John McKelliget, Mechanical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Carol Barry, Plastics Eng; Ross Stacer, Plastics Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Cheryl Cox, Nursing; Leanne Hoff, Nursing; Michael Carter, Economics; Jeannie Judge, English; Charles Ryan, English; Peter Blewett, History; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Linda Saitz, Language; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Jane Freimiller, Philosophy; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Philip Moss, RESD; Jean Pyle, RESD; Levon Chorbajian, Sociology; Albert Kowalak, Chemistry; Kuang-Pang Li, Chemistry; Thomas Costello, Computer Science; Raymond Gumb, Computer Science; Dan S. Golomb, Earth Science; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkkinen, Art; Paula Telesco, Music ; Helen Jones, Library; Mario Aste, Language. , Ex-officio

Agenda

Senate President Nicolosi called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Professors Frank and Mary Walsh. He reminded the Senate that a memorial Service has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th from 2:00 to 4 p.m. in O'Leary 222.

I. Announcements

Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: (A) President Bulger - President Bulger has expressed an interest in meeting with the faculty on each of the campuses. We have arranged for him and Vice-President Botman to attend the April meeting of the Faculty Senate. President Bulger will make a brief presentation and answer questions. This meeting of the Senate will be held in the Assembly Room in Coburn Hall. (B) Resolutions from previous Senate meetings. (1) By-Laws revisions: Chancellor Hogan has informed the Senate Executive Committee that he supports both of the Senate resolutions involving revisions of the Senate By-Laws. The Executive Secretary will make the necessary corrections. New copies of the by-laws will be distributed to all Senators. (2) Resolution regarding Teaching Assistants. The Resolution from the Research and Development Committee that was passed at the May 1997 meeting of the Faculty Senate regarding Teaching Assistants is supported by the administration. A committee is being formed to study the issues. Both the Senate President and the Chair of the Research and Development Committee will be members of the committee as recommended in the resolution. (C) Senate Appointment. The Chancellor has appointed Professor Jon Hellstedt, a Senator and member of the Academic

Resources Committee to serve as the Senate's representative on the newly formed Campus Center Resource Team. Professor Hellstedt will report to the Senate when appropriate. (D) Library Liaison Report. Professor Nicolosi called attention to Professor Espinosa's (Senate liaison to the Library) report, which was distributed with the materials for the meeting. Questions, suggestions, and comments should be directed to Professor Espinosa.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Dec.1,1997)

The Minutes of the December 1st 1997 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

III. Invited Presentation General Education Task Force.

Dean Kleniewski reported on the development and recent activities of the General Education Task Force, which was formed at the request of President Bulger. The task force is Co-chaired by Dean Kleniewski and Senate President Nicolosi as a collaboration between Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate. She reminded the Senate that the committee is holding an open dinner meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 4:30PM in the Lydon Library Lounge.

IV. Reports on Meetings

1. Board of Trustees Meetings. Professor Phelan commented on his reports on the November -December 1997, and January -February 1998 subcommittee meetings of the Board of Trustees. Copies of his Reports were distributed with the materials for the meeting. He called attention to the discussion of the Performance Measurement System and indicated that the Board of Trustees will continue to work on this; and that The Board of Trustees will make another report on this at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole in April.
2. Inter campus Council- The approved minutes of the December meeting of the Inter campus Council were distributed with the materials for the Senate meeting. Professor Phelan reported that at the February meeting the ICC with encouragement from Vice President Botman, decided to adopt a more proactive approach to its future business.
3. University leadership/change summit - Professor Parkin reported on the February 25th and 26th Summit meetings held in Worcester. This meeting was sponsored by the Board of Trustees and attended by over 300 individuals representing all staffing levels at the university, its five campuses and the President's Office. The attendees were addressed by a panel of speakers including the President and the five Chancellors; a second panel composed of leaders of labor unions on the five campuses; and by Mr. Bud Hodgkinson, a demographer, who addressed "The Future of Higher Education." There were small group discussions of specific questions addressing the current situation at the University and how effective change could be implemented. Discussions culminated with the identification of five goals for the future. Tersely stated they are: (1) that the public see UMass as a pre-eminent University; (2) that adequate (stable) funding from both the legislature and private donations be achieved; (3) That the infrastructure be healthy through capital improvements and maintenance; (4) That there be a true partnership between labor, management, and students; (5) that diversity of students, faculty and staff be achieved. In the final session representatives met with others from their campus to

address future goals and directions on their campus. The Faculty Senate at UMASS Lowell was represented by Professors Burke, Phelan, and Parkin. Professor Parkin noted that representatives from other campuses commented frequently with some degree of envy that things were going very well at UMASS Lowell.

V. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic governance. Professor Jones commented that the committee has no new business and will schedule future meetings as the need arises.
2. Undergraduate Policy Professor Mittler reported that there is no new business from the committee.
3. Graduate Policy and Affairs Professor Parkin reported that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 3:30PM in Weed 101.
4. Research and Development Professor Punnett reported that there were no new resolutions for this meeting.
5. Academic Resources Professor Pyle reported that the committee was continuing work on an earlier Senate resolution regarding the establishment of a Faculty Club. The committee will continue to explore this area.

She presented the following resolution from the committee.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate commends the administration particularly the Office of Student Services and the Chancellor for the quick and decisive action they took on behalf of UMass Lowell students whose cars were towed by the Lowell Police on the night of January 27, 1998, the opening of the Tsongas Arena.

VOTE Yes 40 No 0 abstain 1

The discussion of the preceding resolution generated the following resolution from the floor.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate deplors the towing of student cars outside of Fox Hall at 2:30 a.m. on January 28th, and urges the university administration to work with Lowell city officials and appropriate agencies to prevent such actions from occurring in the future.

VOTE Yes 42 No 0 abstain 0

6. Budget and Priorities. There was no new business from the committee. Senate President Nicolosi called attention to the report from Professor Cocanour, the Faculty Senate representative to the University Budget Committee. Questions regarding the report should be directed to Professor Cocanour.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.