

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 3, 2008
Coburn 205

Presiding: Alan Doerr, Vice President
Recording: Susan Yuhas

Attendees: Sherre Strickland, William Kaizen, Karen Roehr, Brian Bettencourt, Michael Graves, Francis Bonner, Pradeep Kurup, Thomas Wilson, Nicole Champagne, Craig Slatin, Gary Livingston, Eve Buzawa, Liana Cheney, Marie Frank, Michael Carter, Russell Karl, Jay Simmons, David Lustick, Craig Armiento, Oliver Ibe, Christoph Strobel, Paul Coppens, Stuart Freedman, Alan Doerr, Ravi Montenegro, Christopher Niezrecki, Robert Parkin, James Sherwood, Alex Case, Ainat Koren, Betty Morgan, Ruth Remington, Margaret Knight, Whitley Kaufman, Albert Altman, James Egan, Arthur Mittler, Aart Holtstag, Andrew Hostetler, Doreen Arcus, John Wooding, Mitra Das, Rafael Moure-Eraso

Meeting commenced at 3:40 pm

1. Minutes of February 4, 2008 were approved.
- 2. Guest Speaker:** Alan Roscoe, Criminal Justice Department. Safety Issues on Campus.

A security survey will be put together by committee and administration. It will address issues such as how safe *you* feel, need for cameras, tape recorders, guards, concerns of faculty as whole. All aspects of security will be addressed (including pandemic flu), safety in campus buildings late at night, support from university police, identification of students at risk for violent behavior. There is a need to look at who has been trained or not, training for new faculty coming in. Carol McDonough's safety committee implementing signs for tunnels on North campus, sirens on campuses, and cell phone registration for quick notification of emergencies.

- 3. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees:** Michael Carter

Warning that programs, particularly graduate programs, will not get approval if not different from existing programs on other campuses.

Progress of bond bill: subcommittee on technology science and research: \$100 to \$200 million earmarked for university system, majority to Amherst and Worcester campuses.

Clean energy initiatives: Dean Ting and Craig Armiento, if money comes in, better chance than other one.

Committee Academic and Student Affairs: Doctorate in Nursing Practice presented by 3 campuses (Lowell, Worcester, Boston). This would be in place of MSN degree (which will be phased out by 2015). Several trustees objected to these programs despite shortage of nurses at Bachelors level or enlarging Ph.D programs. Trustees argued that there isn't

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a need for this program on each campus (argument of “non mobile” students was ignored by trustees). The Worcester campus program was approved. Boston and Lowell were not. Some undergraduate programs were approved, such as BS in nutritional sciences. Discussion about issues of programs not being approved unless another program is eliminated.

Issue is Board of Trustees doesn't have expertise to make decisions about programs. Meeting of entire BOT will be held during Spring Break week (March 17-21).

4. Standing Committees:

1. *Academic Resources*: No resolutions
2. *UPC*: No resolutions
3. *GPAC*: Resolution 1: Non-Thesis track for Plastics Engineering MS degree.

The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Plastics Engineering be authorized to change the requirement of the Non-Thesis Engineering M.S. degree from 40 to 39 credits.

****Motion Approved****

5. Other Business:

1. Bob Parkin called for posters on research: luncheon event to be held on April 2nd for high school and college counselors.
2. Question regarding cancelling classes for Chancellor Meehan's inauguration on April 4th. Asking for Faculty Senate stand on issue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

