

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2006
Coburn 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Susan Yuhas, Faculty Senate Secretary

Attendees: Anita Greenwood, Judith Davidson, Oliver Ibe, James Sherwood, Christopher Niezrecki, David Kazmer, Daniel Schmidt, James Jeffers, Eve Buzawa, Joseph Garreau, Anthony Szczesiul, Melissa Pennell, Shehong Chen, Christoph Strobel, Arend Holtslag, Khanh Dinh, Jason Lawrence, Thomas Shea, Ruxandra Dima, Holly Yanco, Thomas Costello, Haim Levkowitz, Bodo Reinisch, Alexander Kheifets, Alan Doerr, Daniel Klain, Partha Chowdhury, Clayton French, James Egan, Arthur Mittler, Ainat Koren, Ruth Remington, Betty Morgan, Erika Lewis, Joyce White, Sean Collins, George Nogler, Srikant Vadali, Steven Tello

Meeting commenced at 3:40 pm

- I. Minutes from February 6, 2006 were accepted.

- II. **Guest Speaker:** Dane Netherton, Office of Public Affairs, spoke about the Faculty Survey that is being developed. Purpose: to obtain data and access awareness of transformation teams, market research, census. The sample will include 150 Faculty members and will be an anonymous phone survey. Discussion around how the 150 are selected, possibility of emailing survey first, follow up by phone. *****Call for vote that all faculty be polled, rather than just 150 members*****
***** MOTION CARRIES unanimously*****

- III. **Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees:** Michael Carter
Tuition fee increases have passed, 3.4% across all campuses. Dorm fees increase 3.3% (over 7% at Amherst & Dartmouth); Affirmative Action commitment; Education Funding Bill: in Senate now, thinking that once version comes out of House, won't be as positive; solar power research – venture capital; speculation that tenure decisions might be looked at more closely.

- IV. **Standing Committees**
 - a. **Academic Resources:** No resolutions

b. GPAC:

1. *Resolution #1:* Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Clinical Laboratory and Nutritional Sciences be authorized to offer the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Laboratory Science.

****MOTION CARRIES****

2. *Resolution #2:* Faculty Senate requests that the administration reconsider the decision on the dissolution of the Graduate School, and delay any final decision until appropriate Administration/Faculty Senate deliberations on the structure of graduate education at UMASS Lowell have taken place.

Discussion around strengthening language of resolution.

Amendment #1: change “reconsider” to “rescind”

****MOTION CARRIES****

Amendment #2: end resolution at “Graduate School.”

****MOTION CARRIES****

Amendment #3: “resolves” instead of “requests”.

****MOTION CARRIES****

Amendment #4: add “Whereas the Faculty Senate has primary responsibility over academic matters, and”

****MOTION CARRIES****

The new resolution to read: “The Faculty Senate resolves that the administration rescind the decision on the dissolution of the Graduate School. The Faculty Senate further resolves that the administration shall enter into a dialogue with the Faculty Senate regarding any restructuring of the Graduate School.”

**** MOTION CARRIES unanimously****

V. **Research and Development:** No resolutions

VI. **Undergraduate Policy Committee:** No resolutions

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm