

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate
March 7, 2005
Coburn Hall – Room 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Janet King

Meeting commenced at 3:35

I. Minutes of February 7, 2005 were approved with amendments:

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 [non-voting] 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 University ombudsman) is required for suspension of halt of research activities.

II. Standing Committees

Academic Resources

Undergraduate Policy Committee

The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Community Health and Sustainability be allowed to offer the two new options: the Community Health Option and the Environmental Health Option

****PASSED 20 – 0****

Graduate Policy and Affairs

Graduate student retention policy changed to the following:

No more than 6 credits below B [B-, C+, C, F] may be counted toward the master's degree or graduate certificate; and no more than 9 credits below B may be counted toward the doctorate.

****Passed 24 – 0****

Research and Development

Resolution:

Whereas support of research activities, and insightful efforts in securing and sustaining funding from typical and novel sources is an essential element to advancing the mission of the University, the Faculty Senate

supports the appointment of a Vice Chancellor of Research

****PASSED 24-0****

Resolution:

The Faculty Senate resolves that, in the absence of a written competing interest by another company within 1 year of filing for patenting with institution, Faculty Member be granted by default a non-exclusive license for a period of 1 year to market his/her invention, with review and default renewal of this license for the same period in the continued absence of a competing interest

****PASSED 24-0****

III. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees – Michael Carter

- a. Hope that funding may be increased for UMass (not level funded) and restoration of state matching funds for donations
- b. Student tuition/fee hikes
 - i. 4.1% (\$575) for boarding students
 - ii. 3.5% (275) for commuting students
This increase is less than all private institutions and most state colleges in New England & the university will continue trying to provide increased financial aid
- c. New Mission Statement for UMass to push for international recognition
- d. Title changed for to: VC for UMass Academic Services and International Affairs – Marcellette Williams
- e. Intercampus faculty council sent letter to Pres Wilson asking to withdraw approval of UMD program until reviewed by appropriate faculty governance parties on UMD campus
- f. UMass Amherst diversity issue not addressed at meeting [article in Boston Globe]
- g. \$21 Million line item for UML Nanotechnology Center – w/level funding – where will this money come from?

Issues:

- ISIS (PeopleSoft) update – no definitive date as of this afternoon – meeting of UMass chancellors tomorrow at 3:30, communications will follow quickly, legacy (SIS) will become unavailable at determined time, faculty self-service web-based training now available

- Periodic Review of Chancellor – meetings scheduled on campus March 29th and 30th
- UNION - Retro pay – vetoed by governor, votes believed to be there to veto, 7.88% of old base for faculty employed in 2001
- UNION - Change in Retirement Plan – Option C [w/spouse] – increase from 60% to 70%
- UNION - Health care employee contribution increased from 15% to 20%, believes there is a plan to increase further to 25% - urged faculty/staff to call their representative to voice disapproval
- UNION – Offset Rule (1984) double dip on retirement – choose either social security or pension – being fought, put pressure on congress to repeal – call your congressman to express you opinion

Meeting adjourned at 4:30