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Virtual Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2020

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:35 PM.

- Provost Hartman University Update

Provost Hartman addressed the Faculty Senate. His update is included following these Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes.

- 3_2_20 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Buchholz)

- Proposal to change the name of the New Venture Certificate to the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

- Proposal to revise the curriculum in the newly named Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 80 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstaining.

- Proposal to revise the curriculum in the ScD in Work Environment (Vote 1) and rename it to the ScD in Public Health (Vote 2)

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

Vote 1: A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 76 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstaining.

Vote 2: A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 76 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstaining.

- Proposal to extend the accelerated BS/MS beyond UMass Lowell Francis College of Engineering (FCOE)

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 69 in favor, 3 opposed and 4 abstaining.

- Proposal to revise the Ed.D. Leadership in Schooling and the Ed.D. Leadership in Schooling STEM Option

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 77 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstaining.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mitler)

- Proposal for a BA ED Non-Licensure Option: Disability Studies in Education and Community

Art Mittler provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 76 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstaining.

For Information Only

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Buchholz)

- Proposal for alternative Pathways for the PhD in Nursing

Although this item is listed as For Information Only Bryan Buchholz determined that a vote was needed.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 76 in favor, 1 opposed and 4 abstaining.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to revise the curriculum in the Minor in Public Health
- Proposal to revise the concentration in Psychology

Provost's University Update

Joseph C. Hartman, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

- 1) Thank you for your efforts in moving courses to remote learning.
 - 2,700 courses over 10,000 students online
 - New, flexible policies for student pathways including Pass/No Credit option
 - Student supports (advising, tutoring, etc.) and student services (career services, clubs, etc.) have all moved online.
- 2) Registration starts April 21st. Advising is online. Resources available for virtual advising [here](#).
- 3) Undergraduate Recruiting will be Virtual
 - Virtual Welcome Day: April 24th
 - Summer Orientations will also be virtual
 - Undergraduate enrollments for fall are tracking according to two years ago. Deposits are not due until June 1 (typically May 1) and we have re-opened the application process as many students may be changing their "first choice" college.
- 4) Summer A and B will also be held online.
 - Online courses (delivered asynchronously) will follow our traditional online format (on Blackboard) with faculty needing to go through formal training.
 - Virtual classroom courses (delivered synchronously) will use many of the technologies being used this semester (i.e., Zoom, etc.).
 - Talk with Chairs and Deans if you are interested in teaching this summer.
- 5) Financial uncertainty will loom for a while.
 - As announced, over \$16 million was returned to students for housing, food and parking.
 - Federal stimulus estimate is that UMass Lowell will receive about \$8 million. Unclear how it can be applied to the deficit.
 - Difference represents the financial gap to be closed through the end of the fiscal year. Savings are being achieved by shutting down buildings, transportation, and reducing part-time workforce. Spending controls are in place to further close this gap.

- Uncertain financial future looms for fall due to uncertainty in enrollments (undergraduate look relatively healthy but great questions remain on graduate, especially international, enrollments and whether students will live on campus) and state appropriation for next year.
 - Must be frugal now and plan to be more efficient in the fall due to the financial uncertainty.
 - It is expected that this financial uncertainty will hurt all of academia. Pine Manor College (Chestnut Hill, MA) announced it was closing this week.
- 6) Continue to be safe and follow healthy habits. Thank you for your efforts and thank you for helping our students through this unpredictable time. Take care of yourself!

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.