

Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate

From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary

Date: April 1, 1996

Re: Minutes of the April 1, 1996 Meeting of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, April 1st, 1996 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; John Ting, Civil Eng; Venkatarama Krishnan, Electrical Eng; Robert Tuholski, Engineering Tech; Majid Charmchi, Mechanical Eng; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; David Wegman, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science; Michael O'Sullivan, Health; Pauline Ladebauche, Nursing; Eileen Williamson, Nursing; Susan Reece, Nursing; Connie Seymour, Physical Therapy; Michael Carter, Economics; Charles Ryan, English; Barbara Miliaras, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Peter Blewett, History; John Staulo, Language; Robert Innis, Philosophy; Joyce Denning, Political Science; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; David Landrigan, Psychology; Arlene McCormack, Sociology; Harry Rubinstein, Chemistry; Giampiero Pecelli, Computer Science; Nelson Eby, Earth Science; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; Donald Ameen, Mathematics; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; George Chabot, Physics; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkkinen, Art; John Ogasapian, Academic Studies; Scott Fredrickson, Music Business; Helen Jones, Library; Margaret Manion, Library;

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes. The Minutes of the March 4, 1996 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

II. Announcements and reports on past business

1. Announcements - Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: (1) Reminder about Senate elections. Results of Senate elections should be sent to the Executive Secretary by Thursday, April 4th. Please contact Dr. Burke if you have questions. (2) Senate Standing Committees. Information regarding appointments to Senate Standing Committees for the 96-97 Academic year is being sent to all faculty. Please inform The Executive Secretary regarding your preference for service on a Senate Standing Committee. (3) May Senate Meeting. Prior to the May 6th Senate meeting, there will be an organizational meeting of the 1996-97 Faculty Senate. This meeting will take place at 3:00PM in O'Leary 222. It will be followed immediately by the scheduled meeting of the 1996 Faculty Senate. Faculty Senators who will be serving on next year's Senate should plan to attend the 3:00PM meeting. The agenda is brief and includes the following: approval of election of Senators; elections of officers for the 1996-97 Faculty Senate; and nomination of candidates for Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. (4) Program Review Committee. The Program Review Committee has met and elected Dr. Peter Blewett as Chair. Senate President Nicolosi called upon Professor

Blewett to make a brief report.

2. Report of the Ad Hoc Program Review Committee. Professor Blewett informed the Senate that the following individuals are serving on the Program Review Committee: Gene Rogers, David Wegman, Riaz Khan, Will Traphagen, James Carifio, David Landrigan, Peter Blewett, Art Mittler, Barbara Miliaras, Helen Jones. He indicated that the committee has met and prepared a preliminary proposal for the Senate's information. He displayed, on an overhead, the committee's proposal in the form of a motion, and indicated that the motion did not have to be acted on at today's meeting.

MOTION That the Senate, in concert with the Chancellor, create a University Program Review Committee. It shall be chaired by the President of the Senate, and composed of two members from each of the Academic Policy Committees (Undergraduate and Graduate); and four faculty members chosen by the Campus Chancellor. The appointments shall be made so that all colleges will be represented. Each of the nine members of the committee shall vote and be appointed for two year staggered terms. A minimum of a one course work load reduction will accompany appointment to the committee. The committee will review all programs on a seven year cycle and will pay special attention to those programs which are in jeopardy of moratorium or elimination. The committee shall report its findings to the Senate. The Senate President, having received Senate approval of a substantive report, will present the committee's findings verbally and in writing to the Chancellor and the Provost's Council. By the December 1996 Senate meeting the committee shall present its proposed procedure to the Senate for its approval.

Professor Wegman, who is a member of the committee, but was not able to attend the committee meetings indicated that he had several thoughts about the structure and process of the final Program Review Committee that he wanted to share with the Senate. He commented on the role of external review as part of the process; the demands of the task; the role of existing Senate Committees; the advisability of a Senate versus a University committee; and the role of departmental review. It was agreed that the Ad Hoc Program Review Committee should continue its deliberations and report at the May Senate meeting.

3. Report by Vice-Chancellor Wagner

1. Report on budget issues. Dr. Wagner spoke briefly about several budget issues. He indicated that the Faculty Professional Development money of 2 1/2% over the span of the next three years has been agreed to. In addition guidelines about the use and procedures regarding the money are being developed. Travel requests, however should proceed. Accounts are being established for all faculty. Regarding the 1.1% money for academic improvement, he indicated that the pay-out for the electronic library would be spread out over two to three years. The re computerization of the campus presents a major challenge to the campus and is being studied.

2. Report on New Programs. Dr. Wagner addressed the issue of the movement of the Policy and Planning faculty to the College of Arts and Sciences. He indicated that this move seems to make sense because of their interests and expertise vis a vis the University

mission. Dr. Wagner reviewed the recent past history of the University stating that the University has survived a difficult recent past, but still has challenges before it. Stressing the need to define a niche that goes beyond past contributions he indicated that regional economy and economic development are of vital importance to the University and that this campus has a unique mission in this regard. The movement of the Policy and Planning Department to the College of Arts and Sciences and the addition of other faculty will allow for interdisciplinary collaborative efforts. Discussions about this are presently going on and will continue. If this move occurs, the Chancellor will back-fill positions and add additional positions where needed.

Professor Rubinstein challenged Dr. Wagner's comments about the "enemy without". He also commented that the problem in Policy and Planning related to the manner in which the faculty were hired.

III. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic Governance: Professor Ameen presented two By-laws revisions recommended by the Academic Governance Committee. He indicated that these revisions were designed to accommodate the new University structure. A handout presenting the previous By-laws and the Proposed by-laws was distributed.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the following By-laws amendment. Page 3, Under IV Types of Action, Paragraph II. Delete "When appropriate, resolutions shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees through the Chancellor of the University". Delete "Board of Trustees" in the last line and replace it with "President's Office for further consideration." Delete Paragraph 3, "When any matter is under consideration for action by the Board, it shall remain the responsibility of the Chancellor of the University to ensure that the Board is cognizant of relevant decisions taken by the Faculty Senate on that matter."

DISCUSSION Professor Sama commented regarding the section "adopted by a 2/3 majority" . He indicated that in this instance the vote should be by secret ballot. He made the following motion that the resolution be amended:

MOTION To amend the resolution following the words "2/3 majority" by adding " of the assembly voting in secret ballot".

VOTE on the amendment Yes 20 No 9 Abstain 3

VOTE on the resolution Yes 26 No 0 Abstain 4

RESOLUTION the Faculty Senate approves the following By-Laws amendment. Under VIII Executive Committee, page 8 line 20 and ff, delete line 21 " the Executive Committee shall meet with the Chancellor and other appropriate members of the administration (i.e. Vice-Chancellors and/or Deans)" and replace it with " The Senate President and the Executive Committee shall meet with the President of the University and/or a designee from his office".

Professor Ameen pointed out that it is unclear at this point whether President Bulger

would approve this.

VOTE ON SECOND BY-LAWS REVISION RESOLUTION

YES 24 no 0 abstain 7

Professor Ameen presented the following two resolutions which were recommended by the Inter-campus council. Professor Phelan and Professor Burke briefly explained the rationale for these resolutions. Information from the Amherst campus regarding the resolution on evaluation of administrators was distributed.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves an act to provide for faculty representation on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees.

Amend Section 1A of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 75 by rewriting the second sentence as follows:

"Two members shall be full-time students from said institution, five members shall be faculty from said institution, one elected from each campus annually by the Faculty Senate and twelve members shall be appointed by the governor, at least five of whom shall be alumni of said institution, and one of whom shall be a representative of organized labor who shall be appointed by the governor from a list of not less than two nor more than five names, representing different unions submitted by the Massachusetts Building Trades Council."

VOTE Yes Unanimous

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate supports faculty participation in the evaluation of administrators per trustee policies.

VOTE Yes Unanimous

2. Undergraduate Policy. Professor Mittler presented the following resolution. Supporting documentation was distributed to all Senators

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the Nuclear Engineering Option in the Chemical Engineering Program.

VOTE Yes unanimous

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 8th at 3:30PM in Olney 521.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs Professor John Ting presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION the Faculty Senate approves the name change of the program in the Civil Engineering Department from the Master of Science (M.S.) Degree Program in Environmental Studies to Master of Science (M.S.) Degree Program in Environmental Engineering Sciences.

Professor Eby moved that the resolution be tabled.

VOTE TO TABLE yes 18 no 2 abstain 2

4. Budget and Priorities. Professor Landrigan announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

5. Research and Development. Professor Eby announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th at 10:00AM in Olney 202.

6. Academic Resources. Margaret Manion announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th at 3:30PM in the Multi -Purpose Room, Lydon Library.

Professor Waterman indicated that the Social Committee is working on the retirement celebration. Please contact Professor Waterman for tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.