Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Jacqueline S. Dowling, Faculty Senate Member

Meeting commenced at 3:35pm, Alumni Hall

I. Minutes of March 3, 2003 approved with following correction:

II. Standing Committees

A. Academic Governance Committee

1. Resolution #1. The UML Faculty Senate resolves to ensure that the University is a place of civility and tolerance, committed to freedom of expression and the peaceful exchange of ideas. Motion unanimously passed.

B. Academic Resources Committee - No resolutions

1. A reminder to look for an email notice regarding copyright issues.

C. Budget and Priorities Committee - No resolutions

D. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee

1. Resolution #1. The Faculty Senate resolves that a graduate student who fails to submit his/her final report for approved human subject research to the UMass Lowell Institutional Review Board shall be allowed to receive his/her degree, but shall not be allowed to receive his/her diploma and official transcript until said report is filed with the IRB (see attached). Motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Steve Moses, Chairperson of UML IRB was present to answer any questions.

Discussion: Clarification provided for the difference between receiving a degree vs. a diploma and transcript.

E. Research and Development Committee – No resolutions

F. Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee – No resolutions

III. Board of Trustees Report

Expected fee increase will be 20% increase - $1000 year rather than previously mentioned $2000/year.
No other business.

IV. New Business - Robert Parkin, President UML MSP

1. Resolution #1. Whereas the Faculty Senate deplores the reductions in State appropriations to the University of Massachusetts, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate endorses the position paper of MSP Lowell as attached. Motion unanimously passed.

Friendly amendment #1. 3rd paragraph, 1st line: Insert "affordable public" higher education. Amendment accepted.

Announcement: Rally April 29, 2003. Buses will leaving at 9-9:30 am to go to Boston Commons where participants will march past President Bulger's office to the State House. Return will be at 1-1:30 pm. Lunch will be on the bus on the way back. There will be a $5 charge to support this endeavor.

V. Adjournment at 4 pm.

V. Next meeting: Monday, May 5, 2003, 3:30 pm Alumni Hall