

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 7, 2008
O’Leary 222

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Susan Yuhas

Attendees: Monty Carter, William Kaizen, Karen Roehr, Brian Bettencourt, Michael Graves, Francis Bonner, Pradeep Kurup, Thomas Wilson, Nicole Champagne, Gary Livingston, Haim Levkowitz, Eve Buzawa, Jacob Stowell, Liana Cheney, Marie Frank, Michael Carter, Russell Karl, Judith Davidson, Jay Simmons, Mark Fenster, Oliver Ibe, Melissa Pennell, Nancy Selleck, Paul Coppens, Joseph Fisher, Stuart Freedman, Alan Doerr, Ravi Montenegro, Robert Parkin, James Sherwood, Ainat Koren, Betty Morgan, Ruth Remington, Whitley Kaufman, Sean Collins, Erika Lewis, Albert Altman, James Egan, Arthur Mittler, Daniel Schmidt, Aart Holtstag, Ardeth Thawngmung, Andrew Hostetler, Michelle Haynes, Doreen Arcus, Philip Moss, John Wooding, Mitra Das, Bryan Buchholz, Rafael Moure-Eraso

Meeting commenced at 3:35 pm

1. Minutes of March 3, 2008 were approved.
2. **Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees:** Michael Carter
 - Ph.D. in Nursing Practice proposal that previously was not approved was overturned and approved.
 - Fee increase: discussion around percentage to scholarships
 - Reorganization of committee and subcommittee structure, among BOT meetings
 - Worcester passing “smoke free” campus grounds. Several chancellors, including Chancellor Meehan, interested in pursuing. Possible union issues.
3. **GPAC:**
Resolution #1:
New certificate program entitled “Diversity in the Workplace” to be housed in the Psychology Department and to be under the governance of the Community and Social Psychology Graduate Program Committee.
 - Discussion around whether sociology will be included in the program
 - Change wording- open language- other electives to be included**MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #4:
Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in “Sustainable Polymeric Materials and Additives”

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- All courses proposed currently exist
- *MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #2:

Addition of a “course-only” option Master of Science in Energy Engineering.

- Discussion around pros and cons of “course-only” Master’s.
- Motion to table issue – NOT approved – discussion continues.

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Resolution #3:

(Part 1): Students on academic warning or academic probation after the Spring semester and are registered for a Summer 1 course at the University of Massachusetts Lowell will have the grade for that course included in evaluating the academic standing. The academic standing will be adjusted to include the grade received during the Summer 1 session.

(Part 2): The consequences of the academic standing of warning or suspension will not apply for students satisfying all degree requirements that semester.

- Discussion about wording, students ability to register

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Resolution #5:

Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s Degree Option

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4. UPC:

Resolution #1:

The Faculty Senate proposes that the following changes be made to the undergraduate policy on residency requirements (see UPC Resolution #1: April 7, 2008)

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Resolution #2:

“The Faculty Senate proposes the creation of an additional new code for transfer credits. The additional new code, UC (University Credit), will be for transfer credits which would permit awarding credit for courses that currently do not fit directly into one of our academic departments at UML. The Undergraduate Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate will meet periodically with the Registrar to review requests for UC credit.”

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Resolution #3A:

Students on Academic Warning or Academic Suspension after the Fall semester and are registered for a Winter Intersession course at the University of Massachusetts Lowell will have the grade for that course included in evaluation of
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their Academic Standing. The Academic Standing will be adjusted to include the grade received during Winter Intersession.

Students on Academic Warning or Academic Suspension after the Spring semester and are registered for a Summer 1 course at the University of Massachusetts Lowell will have the grade for that courses included in evaluating their Academic Standing. The Academic Standing will be adjusted to include the grade received during the Summer 1 session.

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Resolution #3B:

The consequences of the academic standing of warning or suspension will not apply for students satisfying all degree requirements that semester.

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Resolution #4:

“The Faculty Senate proposes the following clarification for courses taken at or above the “300” level under the heading of second majors and minors.”

*(“Matriculating students in the College of Arts of Sciences who do not choose to take a second major or a minor must present at least six semester credits in courses that are on or above the “300” level among those elective courses offered in fulfillment of collateral degree requirements. **These courses may not be taken on a pass/no credit basis**”)*

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Resolution #5:

The Faculty Senate proposes a new policy on the transfer of test credits from another institution.” *(In general, the University of Massachusetts Lowell will accept departmental test credits with grades of C- (1.700 on a 4.000 scale) or better as shown on official transcripts of record which are received directly from other accredited institutions. **No credit will be recognized for the grade of P or S unless the catalog of the transferring institution specifically states that P or S grade is equivalent to a final minimum course grade of C- (1.700 on a 4.000 scale).***

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Resolution #6:

“The Faculty Senate proposes to change the maximum grade allowed for grade substitution/grade deletion from C- to C+”

- Discussion regarding C+ being a satisfactory grade: why should a student be allowed to delete it?

MOTION TABLED

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

