

**INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL Minutes**  
**Boston December 14, 2007**

Present: *Amherst* - E. May, B. O'Connor, *Boston* - J. Keisler, L. Tirrell *Dartmouth* – M. Baum, P. Gibbs  
*Lowell* –E. Buzawa *Guest*- Stephen Lenhardt, Vice President for Management & Fiscal Affairs and University Treasurer

Informal discussion prior to the meeting about the new chair of the UMass Board of Trustees

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 am

**Elections**

*Chair*

Paige Gibbs conducted the election. Having no other nominations than the incumbent, Ernie May, the secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for Ernie May.

*Secretary*

Having no other nominations than the incumbent, Paige Gibbs, she was declared elected by acclamation.

**Review of Meeting with UMass President**

There was agreement by all parties that the meeting was helpful. Transparency and trust among the parties was heightened. It is hoped that such a meeting can be held once every semester.

**Trustee policy on Centers and Institutes**

The Donahue Institute is overseen by the President's office. The institute develops demographic and economic analyses and provides re-training programs (e.g. federal financial updates). This institute's responsibility is service, to the UMass system, commonwealth agencies and others, but is not a research organization.

The Chinese Institute organized by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and International Relations helps smooth the cultural expectations for both countries to facilitate faculty entrepreneurial activities. The conclusion of those in the IFC meeting was that since neither teaching nor research is the responsibility of the institutes in the president's office there is no need to establish a cross-campus faculty senate to oversee curricular issues.

The chair of the UMass Amherst Faculty Senate Rules Committee had forwarded a question about the Donahue Institute: How much are campuses taxed and what services will be obtained? S. Lenhardt stated that he was not aware of any new money generated for the Donahue Institute. The line item for the institute is \$300,000 but that is offset by contracts. This query was followed by a general discussion of corporate and foreign government support of academic research. S. Lenhardt noted that the president's office has a conflicts committee. The university owns the intellectual property of university research.

**Faculty time report**

A query was made about faculty time reports which have been mandated because of UMass internal audits. The president's office is mindful of the faculty contracts, which promote teaching and research, and the public's need for accountability.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

**General Education**

The UMass Amherst Faculty Senate and UMass Amherst administration have created a joint task force on General Education. Mission differentiation between faculty and administration is important. Faculty should be engaged in defining campus priorities and proactive in developing responses to state initiatives such as the Readiness Project.

## **Governor's support of UMass**

S. Lenhardt noted that the current state governor is highly supportive of UMass. Ten per cent of the state's borrowing is proposed for UMass research (e.g. clean energy, life sciences initiative). State cabinet members have attended UMass Board of Trustees' meetings, a first.

## **Campus reports**

### *Lowell*

A national search for a provost has begun

The faculty has received a copy of the previous NEASC report

### *Dartmouth*

An updated strategic plan was introduced on November 30

### *Boston*

Things are going well. The campus supports Chancellor Motley's presentation at his inauguration.

The strategic plan is being revisited.

### *Amherst*

The search for a chancellor is continuing.

A NEASC reaccreditation visit is scheduled for next year

Springfield is receiving much more attention. Amherst is learning from the Lowell and Dartmouth campuses how to encourage regional development.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Paige Gibbs-secretary