

February 25, 2011

Chancellor Robert C. Holub
Provost James V. Staros
Whitmore Administration Building
University of Massachusetts Amherst

RE: SPECIAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC MATTERS, GENERAL EDUCATION, PROGRAM AND BUDGET AND UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCILS AND THE RULES COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE INTEGRATIVE EXPERIENCE (Sen. Doc. No. 11-039)

Dear Chancellor Holub and Provost Staros:

At its meeting of February 3, 2011, the Faculty Senate formally adopted the Special Report of the Academic Matters, General Education, Program and Budget and Undergraduate Education Councils and the Rules Committee concerning The Integrative Experience (enclosed).

According to Doc. T73-098 (as amended 4/4/73; 4/2/75; 6/1/88; and 2/3/93) II. D.:

2. When appropriate, governing bodies shall have the privilege of recommending policies and procedures affecting the campus and the University as a whole, including, among other matters, academic matters, matters of faculty status, and student affairs. Also when appropriate, governing bodies will have the privilege of contributing to long-range planning, the preparation of the annual budget request, and the allocation of available resources.

3. The Chancellor, the President, and the Board of Trustees may approve recommendations from the campus representative governing bodies at any time. Subject to precedents established by components of each campus and/or the restraints and procedures specified in their constitutions, and in accordance with the preceding statements of primary responsibility (Section I.B of this statement), recommendations adopted by the campus representative governing bodies will become policy unless

- (1) disapproved or sent back for reconsideration by the Chancellor within twenty working days of receipt of notification from the governing body;
- (2) disapproved, sent back for reconsideration, or deferred by the President within twenty working days of receipt of notification of the Chancellor's approval or within twenty working days following the expiration of the twenty working-day period for the Chancellor's consideration;
- (3) disapproved by the President during a special thirty-working-day deferral period (if the President chooses to defer his/her decision he/she will notify the governing body; the deferral period will begin at the end of the President's initial twenty-working-day period of consideration);
- (4) disapproved by the Board of Trustees within these specified time limitations.

Any matter not acted upon within seventy-working-days of receipt of notification by the Chancellor of an action by a governing body will be taken as approved by the Board of Trustees. When a recommendation is disapproved, the governing body will receive written reasons in detail for the adverse decision.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ernest D. May, Secretary
Faculty Senate

cc: Rules Committee