

Minutes

Academic Matters Council

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

Attendees: Mokhtar Atallah, Martha Baker, Ginger Etinde, Tamatha Gaumnitz, Dennis Hanno, John Jenkins, Pamela Marsh-Williams, Jennifer Normanly, Elizabeth Pyle, Dennis Searcy, Linda Slakey, Eduardo Bustamante, Uri Strauss

Minutes:

The minutes of October 20th, 2004 were accepted by the Council.

Welcome:

The AMC welcomed Eduardo Bustamante, SGA President and Uri Strauss, GSS President, as they visited the Council in support of Textbook Rentals.

Discussion on Textbook Rentals:

An extensive discussion was conducted. Eduardo B. stated that he as spoken extensively with Joyce Hatch and she's in support of the proposal, working to keep costs down; Jennifer N. asked if it would be more beneficial to students to obtain books from the Text Book Annex or another source such as on-line or local stores; John Jenkins noted that this topic would be outlined at the Grad Council; Dennis S. expressed concern regarding the condition of books being returned and suggested that a system be implemented that the University receive back only non-damaged books...if they are damaged, then the student must pay for it; Jennifer N. expressed that the rental policy doesn't give room for most current book editions and would require the faculty to use the same books for a number of years; Pamela M-W asked if the textbook rental system established at Univ. of Wisconsin got their model from other campuses—Eduardo thought most probably—U of Illinois was using this model before other universities; John Jenkins suggested that Eduardo B. and Uri S. find a model from another university where we can incorporate it into UMASS' system on a more gradual basis.

Voting:

The Council MOVED to support the Textbook Rental endeavor.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 17th @ 12:15 p.m., Campus Center, 804-808