

**University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Research Council of the Faculty Senate  
William A. Patterson III, Chair  
2007-2008  
Minutes  
December 7, 2007**

**PRESENT:** J. Adams, D. Adams, C. Clifton, D. Evans, A. Foulkes, W. Gerace,  
J. Kent-Braun, J. Miller, D. Ostendorf, W. Patterson, L. Sievert, P. Utgoff,  
A. Mangels, P. KostECKI, M. Malone, B. McCandless, N. Khan, J. Schafer,  
L. Shea, C. Sprague

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

The Minutes of the November 2, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Dean Mike Malone reported that the Provost would encourage the Research Council to submit to the Readiness Commission a statement regarding flagship status for UMass Amherst. Dave Ostendorf volunteered to draft a statement and requested Council members to forward to him ASAP wording they would like to see appear in the statement. Ostendorf will send the draft to members of the Research Policy Committee, Chair Patterson will incorporate edits and forward to the Provost. The Council voted to accept Ostendorf's proposal.

Vice Provost for Research KostECKI announced that the campus is committed to replacing the Thayer animal facility. A new facility will be built in a location yet to be determined. KostECKI updated the Council on the Greater Springfield Initiative relating that he, the Chancellor, Provost Seymour, Graduate Dean Mullin, and VP for Outreach Fross had met with Springfield Mayor Ryan, Mayor-elect Sarno, Control Board members and members of Secretary O'Connell's staff to discuss these initiatives. The next meeting of this group will be held on campus. KostECKI also reported that he had met with Chairs/Department Heads from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Andy Mangels shared a memo he will be sending to PIs which deals with transactions on Federal and State grants explaining that all transactions paid for by the University are subject to University and government regulations regardless of the funding source. The memo also explained the terms "reasonable", "allocable", and "allowable". Discussion followed on the difficulties faced by PIs in complying with these requests.

Nigar Khan, representing the Graduate Dean, commented on the campus' link to graduate studies and research which identifies the campus as flagship. She also noted that the Graduate School is looking into setting more restrictive Statute of Limitations and Graduate Faculty designations after consultation with individual departments.

Linda Shea, for the Graduate Council, noted that in celebration of the Graduate School's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one distinguished (graduate student) alum from each school/college will be honored.

Carol Sprague, Director of OGCA, shared current OGCA figures noting that proposals are up from this time last year. Bruce McCandless is following up on a Deans' request to determine average submission lead time at other universities. As it turns out, UMass Amherst is more generous with its lead time than other institutions.

Jay Shafer, University Libraries, discussed the project to translate print journals to e-journals. Shafer when asked the percentage of e-journals to print journals stated that about 75% were electronic. About 25% were print journals - mostly in the humanities.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A draft Procedure for Dealing with Restrictions to Open Research was distributed. After the University had accepted responsibility for a grant that necessitated a waiver of sensitive research policy, an ad hoc committee was established to consider options to waive the Board of Trustees policy regarding sensitive research. McCandless and Patterson gave a brief history on the development of the attached procedure. A motion was made to approve the procedure noting corrections made during Council discussion. The Research Council voted unanimously to approve the procedure and forward it to the Vice Provost for Research.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chair Patterson updated the status of nominations for AY2009 Research Council Chair-elect. Discussions are continuing with a couple of individuals, and an election will take place early in the Spring 2008 semester.

The Research Council adjourned at 10:26 AM.