

**Student Affairs and University Life (SAUL) Council
Meeting Minutes March 11, 2010**

Attendance: Carolyn Cave, Madeleine Charney, Christopher Faulkner, Erika Hamilton, Frank Hugus, Jean Kim, Derek Khanna, David Mac Court, William McGuinness, Tom Milligan

Guests: Joyce Hatch, Christina Kennedy, Patrick Kenney, Tracie Reed, David Robinson, Jo'anne Vanin

The minutes from the November and February Council meetings were approved.

Vice Chancellor Jean Kim provided an update on the Police Advisory Board. Erika Hamilton, from SAUL, is joining the Board. The Board has been meeting in the past but its faculty and student seats were not full. Now its student and faculty seats have been filled and Erika reported that there is a meeting scheduled to take place in two weeks.

Dean Jo'anne Vanin provided the Council with background on the Student Code of Conduct Committee, which was formed as a sounding board to vet ideas. Dean Vanin explained that until 2007 the chair of the Committee was a member of the Dean's staff. She explained that ten to twelve years ago there was a comprehensive review of the Code of Conduct.

In 2007, Catharine Porter, the campus Ombudsman, became the chair. The Committee includes faculty, staff and students. In the fall of 2007 there was significant turnover on the Committee so most of the semester was occupied with educating members about what was going on. In 2008 the alcohol policy was reworded and approved and the Committee looked at residential life issues. Last spring the code's drug violations were revised to reflect the new Massachusetts drug possession law. No issues have been brought up by students this year. The group is now looking at parental notification for drug and alcohol violations (2nd offence). The Vice Chancellor is putting together a commission to review the entire code. Dean Vanin answered questions and concerns from Council members about the Code of Student Conduct.

Joyce Hatch made a presentation about the bookstore and textbook pricing. Two companies have responded to the request for proposals for operating the bookstore, Follett and Barnes and Noble. The proposal is currently out to bid. She explained that 39% of the textbooks sold at the bookstore are used and that they usually sell for 75% of the price of a new book. The proposal includes looking into a textbook rental program for courses that are offered each year. New Federal Legislation is requiring schools to list the ISBN numbers of textbooks for their courses which will be integrated in SPIRE this coming semester. Having the ISBN numbers well in advance of courses starting will allow students greater flexibility in purchasing their books. Provost Staros is working with faculty and departments to ensure this change occurs smoothly.

Madeleine Charney made a presentation on Open Educational Resources (OER). The library's website on the subject is: <http://guides.library.umass.edu/oer>. She explained that the entire 26th floor of the library is going to be dedicated to helping faculty learn about and utilize Open Educational Resources in their teaching. The Center for Teaching is also involved. Acting Faculty Senate Secretary, Marilyn Billings, is meeting with faculty and departments daily to promote OER. Madeleine explained that faculty using resources such as Flat World (www.flatworldknowledge.com) can share articles they have written, laboratory books, chapters of books they have written and more. Faculty must receive permission to publish their work under a Creative Commons license if it has been previously published.

Students expressed enthusiasm for OER and Madeleine said she will look into forming a student advisory group for OER. Madeleine agreed to follow-up on this at the next meeting.

The Council agreed to address the following issues at its April meeting:

- How sexual assaults are handled by the campus
- Student health insurance options
- The possibility of adding a hate crime addendum to the COSC

The next meeting of SAUL will take place on Thursday, April 15th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Campus Center, Room 911-15.