

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
THE FACULTY SENATE**

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 582nd Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on Thursday, October 19, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers

Chancellor David K. Scott announced that Interim Vice Chancellor Javier Cevallos has been named the full Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. He noted that Vice Chancellor Cevallos has "become a very important member in the central administration," and that the University is lucky that he has accepted the offer to stay.

Deputy Provost John Cunningham announced that three additional candidates for the Vice Chancellor for Research position will be visiting campus to speak and answer questions. One candidate was on campus October 23, the next will visit November 6, at 3:00 p.m. in 803 Campus Center, and the last will be announced as early as possible.

Vice Chancellor Frederick Byron announced that last year was an exceptional year for research activities brought in from external funding on campus. Due to a \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, he expects this year's activities to be even more impressive. This grant will enable the University to work with regional businesses and other academic entities with common technological needs. They will work toward the commercialization of new ideas from the University and "injecting more high technology into this valley."

Vice Chancellor Robert Helgesen announced that the president's office has advertised the CEO position of UMass Online in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Vice Chancellor Helgesen then mentioned that he met with the Friends of WFCR, who have just committed themselves to finding a new building to operate out of. He expressed that this is "a wonderful opportunity to match the quality of WFCR's broadcasting with its facilities."

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary Ernest D. May addressed issues surrounding both the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology and UMass Online. He noted that various councils and committees are working hard to ensure that both programs will be high-quality and subject to faculty governance. Secretary May suggested considering the institution of an Intercampus Faculty Senate to oversee these issues.

Secretary May then announced that the Faculty Senate Meeting November 16, 2000 has been cancelled and that a new meeting December 7, 2000 has been added to the Senate schedule.

7. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors

Jane Giacobbe-Miller, President announced that the UMass Online Transition Advisory Board discussed two proposals at its second meeting, one on intellectual property, which gives the University ownership of faculty-developed UMass Online course content, and one on the articulation agreement for UMass Online, which appears to grant system degrees to UMass Online students.

President Giacobbe-Miller suggested that the Transition Board might be disbanded by the new CEO of UMass Online, and encouraged faculty to discuss these, or any other UMass Online issues with her.

President Giacobbe-Miller then addressed deferred maintenance on campus, and wondered if President Bulger had ever been on a tour of campus facilities.

B. QUESTION PERIOD

Chancellor Scott answered President Giacobbe-Miller's question, stating that President Bulger has been on campus, but has not taken an official tour of the facilities. He then mentioned that the Chair of the Board of Higher Education took a tour of the campus October 17, 2000.

Senator Brian O'Connor asked Deputy Provost Cunningham about student access to the Spring 2001 Course Description guide now that it is only available online. He wondered how the faculty could do an adequate job advising students without the printed course descriptions.

Deputy Provost Cunningham stated that his office is taking these issues into account and he assured the faculty that this new procedure would be handled in everyone's best interest.

Secretary May addressed Vice Chancellor Paul Page, observing the success with crosswalks on campus.

Vice Chancellor Page responded, noting that the Pedestrian Safety Committee had a lot to do with that success. They had new signs installed and crosswalks repainted.

Senator Jack Tager questioned Chancellor Scott on the lack of procedure followed in hiring Vice Chancellor Cevallos as Vice Chancellor and on procedures followed when money taken from departments during the "budget shortfall" was allocated back to research funds. Senator Tager voiced concern over lack of faculty and Senate input regarding the latter issue.

Chancellor Scott responded by stating, "the future of the University depends on its people." He explained that he had limited time to consult on the hiring of Vice Chancellor Cevallos, but that he did consult with a number of groups, and the final decision was his.

Regarding money allocated to Research funds, Chancellor Scott explained that decisions made about allocations go through a long, complicated process involving vice chancellors, the Provost, deans, chairs, heads, and liaisons to the Faculty Senate, but again, he has the final say in where the money goes.

C. UPDATE BY DEPUTY CHANCELLOR MARCELLETTE WILLIAMS --"Status Report on Technology Initiatives Funded by the TelCom Refinancing: Focus on the Integrated Student Information System"

Deputy Chancellor Williams updated the Faculty Senate on the progress of the Integrated Student Information System. She referred all present to a handout at the back of the room and proceeded to review the accomplishments of the initiative, which began in 1996.

Since the planning in 1996, Deputy Chancellor Williams explained that 83 buildings had been wired, 12 additional PC public access classrooms had been created, there was an expansion of central servers and by February 100 percent of residence halls will be wired.

QUESTIONS

Senator Roland Chilton asked when students would be able to go online without paying an additional fee.

Deputy Chancellor Williams answered that currently there are no plans to eliminate the computer access fees that students are expected to pay.

Secretary May asked for a general idea of what the investment has cost so far, what it will cost in the future, and what kind of return can be expected.

Deputy Chancellor Williams answered that just over \$3 million went into the start-up of the initiative, the ongoing cost of operation of the student system was just under \$1 million, and that there would probably not be a return on the investment. She explained that the investment was a cost of doing business.

D. ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report of the University Press Committee, Academic Year 1999-2000, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-007.

This report was received by the Faculty Senate.

E. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning the Agreement for Academic Cooperation and Research between Yaroslav the Wise Novgorod State University, Novgorod the Great, Russia and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-008 with Motion No. 05-01.**

**MOVED:
05-01 That the Faculty Senate approve the Agreement for Academic Cooperation between Yaroslav the Wise Novgorod State University, Novgorod the Great, Russia and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-008.**

This motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

- 2. Annual Report of the University Writing Committee, Academic Year 1999-2000, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-009 with Motion No. 06-01.**

**MOVED:
06-01 That the Faculty Senate reaffirm the centrality of writing to the educational mission of the University, and appeal to the University administration for additional funding to broaden the scope of the Writing Center to include additional tutors and faculty support for writing in courses across the University.**

This motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

F. BYLAW CHANGES (Third Reading)

Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-003 with Motion No. 02-01.

**MOVED:
02-01 That the Faculty Senate delete Sections 11 and 12 from Chapter 6 of the Bylaws, as recommended by the Rules Committee in Sen. Doc. No. 01-003.**

(This motion was read at the 580th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate on September 21, 2000 and at the 581st Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate on October 5, 2000. The final vote will be taken at this meeting.)

This motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

The 582nd Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 5:35 p.m. October 19, 2000.

Respectfully submitted by Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate.

**The proceedings of this meeting are available on audiotape
at the Faculty Senate Office dated October 19, 2000.**