

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

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 586th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on Thursday, February 15, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

George Parks, Director of the UMass Minuteman Marching Band showed the Faculty Senate a brief video presentation of the band's participation in the Inaugural Parade in January, 2001.

Senator Craig Moore made a motion to suspend the rules in order to present a motion regarding the transition in leadership on the Amherst campus.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate call upon the President and Trustees to ensure that there will be a meaningful and constructive consultative process through the transition in leadership, as we carry on deliberations concerning the role of the Amherst campus in the University of Massachusetts system, and as we move to resolve our common problems. It is the position of the Faculty Senate that any plan to resolve these problems must preserve and protect the institution's capability to deliver the curriculum to its approximately 24,000 students at the high level of quality which they demand.

This motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers

Deputy Provost John Cunningham announced that student retention numbers have improved for the fifth consecutive year. He then congratulated the faculty for submitting their grades to the Registrar's Office on time, noting that over 70,000 grades had been submitted by January 3, 2001.

Deputy Provost Cunningham addressed the issues of student and course enrollment, pointing out, "The bottom line is that we still need to focus on faculty renewal as we go through the spring."

Vice Chancellor Javier Cevallos thanked all offices involved in the smooth opening of the Amherst campus for the Spring Semester. He then announced that three students had died over winter break and asked that faculty be sensitive to students grieving those deaths. He closed by stating that the admissions process is on track in terms of applications and acceptances, and that financial aid rewards would be out by April 1st.

Vice Chancellor Robert Helgesen announced that Jack Wilson had been appointed CEO of UMASS ONLINE, and mentioned how important the Outreach Council has been in the development of the program on the Amherst Campus.

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary Ernest May called attention to the new issue of the Faculty Senate Newsletter and to a series of handouts regarding the University budget. He urged faculty to review all of these documents. He then mentioned that the Intercampus Faculty Council, of which he has been elected chair, met with UMASS ONLINE CEO Jack Wilson, and also met separately with Vice President Selma Botman about outreach to K-12 education and how the various campuses can play a part in that.

3. The Faculty Delegate to the Board of Trustees

Senator Brian O'Connor shared highlights of the latest Committee of the Whole meeting, noting that there was a panel consisting of faculty from four of the campuses, their role being to show how the campuses interact successfully together.

4. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors

Jane Giacobbe-Miller, President announced that the University's budget lobbying effort is about to be underway, and called on the faculty to support it. She noted that they need about 100 faculty to meet with Representatives between Monday and Wednesday in the months of March and April, and they also need help in recruiting others such as Department heads, chairs and deans.

B. QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Surinder Mehta asked Provost Marrett if she had anything planned regarding increasing the number of faculty to address the growing numbers of students in various departments.

Provost Cora Marrett answered that those types of plans are budget-driven. She noted that without the budget, it's impossible to increase faculty, whatever the great needs, and that's why there has to be full participation from the faculty on what to do if there are budget problems. She stated, "I don't have the funding. So there is no money that I've got to be able to use for these issues of faculty renewals. If you're asking what am I going to do right now, my hands are tied with reference to having lots of possibilities for making the changes."

C. ELECTION

Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees

Nominee – Ronald Story, History

There were no further nominations from the floor and Ronald Story was elected to the Rules Committee as Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees.

D. BYLAW CHANGES (Third Reading)

- 1. Special Report of the Council on University Service, Public Service and Outreach concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-017 with Motion No. 13-01.**

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-017. 13-01

(This motion was read at the 584th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate on November 30, 2000 and at the 585th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate on December 7, 2000.)

This motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

E. NEW COURSES

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the courses AFROAM 238, COMLIT 385, ECON
17-01 178, PHYSICS 125, and POLSCI 345, as recommended by the Academic Matters
Council.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the courses PUB P&A 607 and 610, as
18-01 recommended by the Graduate Council.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Special Report of the Research Council concerning Development of A Policy on Postdoctoral Scholars and Postdoctoral Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-021 with Motion No. 19-01.**

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve A Policy on Postdoctoral Scholars and
19-01 Postdoctoral Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, as presented in
Sen. Doc. No. 01-021.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

2. **Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning the Agreement for Interchange of Faculty and Students between the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, U.S.A., as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-022 with Motion No. 20-01.**

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Agreement for Interchange of Faculty and
20-01 Students between the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada and the
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, U.S.A., as presented in Sen. Doc. No.
01-022.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

3. **Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning the Memorandum of Understanding for the Housing of Research Students between the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand and the International Programs, the Graduate School, the Department of Food Science, and the Environmental Sciences Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, U.S.A., as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-023 with Motion No. 21-01.**

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the
21-01 Housing of Research Students between the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of
Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand and the International Programs,
the Graduate School, the Department of Food Science, and the Environmental
Sciences Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, U.S.A., as presented
in Sen. Doc. No. 01-023.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

1. **Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-024 with Motion No. 22-01.**

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and
22-01 Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-024.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

The 586th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:55 p.m. February 15, 2001.

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

**The Proceedings of this meeting are available on audio tape at the Faculty Senate Office
dated February 15, 2001.**