

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

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 587th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on Thursday, March 1, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

A. ANNUAL REPORT (10 min.)

Annual Report of the University Ombuds Office, July 1, 1998 to July 1, 2000, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-025.

This report was received by the Faculty Senate.

B. OLD BUSINESS

Special Report of the Council on University Service, Public Service and Outreach, Academic Matters Council, Graduate Council, Research Council and Program and Budget Council concerning The Center for Agriculture, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-011A with Motion No. 08-01.

MOVED 08-01: That the Faculty Senate approve the establishment of The Center for Agriculture, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-011A.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Report of the University Computer and Electronic Communications Committee concerning A Special Motion to the Faculty Senate Concerning the (Non-Mandatory) OIT Account Fee, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-026 with Motion No. 23-01.

MOVED 23-01: That the Faculty Senate endorse the resolution passed by the University Computer and Electronic Communications Committee that would provide all members of the University community with free access to OIT services, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-026.

This motion was seconded.

A motion was made to amend the motion by striking the word free from the phrase "free access to OIT services."

The motion to amend was seconded and adopted.

Motion 23-01 was adopted as amended.

2. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions Practices and Minority Recruitment, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-027 with Motion No. 24-01.

MOVED 24-01: That the Faculty Senate establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions Practices and Minority Recruitment, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-027.

This motion was seconded.

A motion was made to amend the resolution to add to the report under item 2, Composition, the letter "J: One Graduate Student to be nominated by the Graduate Student Senate."

The motion to amend was seconded and adopted.

A motion was made to further amend the resolution by adding the word retention to the name, making it an Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions Practices and Minority Recruitment and Retention; and to change the charge of the Committee to read, "To review current undergraduate minority admissions, recruitment, and retention practices."

This motion was seconded but failed on a voice vote.

A motion was made to refer the resolution back to Committee for further consideration.

This motion was seconded but failed on a voice vote.

Motion 24-01 was adopted as amended to include one graduate student.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers

Deputy Provost John Cunningham announced that Professor John Mullin would be giving the next Distinguished Faculty Lecture March 6, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Vice Chancellor Javier Cevallos called attention to a series of protests on campus regarding the recruitment and retention of ALANA students at the Amherst campus. He mentioned that the current percentage of ALANA students was 16%, slightly higher than the percentage of Massachusetts' ALANA students graduating from high schools and going on to four-year colleges. He also mentioned that the entering class is smaller now, contributing to the decrease in numbers of students overall.

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary Ernest May announced that the Massachusetts Society of Professors and the Faculty Senate are co-sponsors of an educational campaign to the State House and Legislature in support of the system budget request submitted by the President's Office for an increase of \$56.7 million. He urged faculty members to get involved in the lobbying effort.

Secretary May then showed an overhead graph demonstrating faculty decline, noting that, if no changes are made to the structure of the budget, the University will continue to lose 20 faculty positions per year.

E. QUESTION PERIOD (10 min.)

Senator Robert Wilson asked about the status of the clock on the Old Chapel.

Vice Chancellor Paul Page explained that they were still waiting for new parts from the only place where those parts are manufactured.

Senator Joseph Donohue asked if someone from the administration could seek improvement in the condition of University Drive from the town of Amherst.

Vice Chancellor Page answered that they would bring the condition of the road to the town's attention in an effort to resolve that issue.

The 587th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:45 p.m. March 1, 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 March 1, 2001.**