

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

**MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 589<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on Thursday, March 29, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.**

**A. PRESENTATION FROM MARGO CRIST, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES, ROBERT ROTHSTEIN, CHAIR, RESEARCH LIBRARY COUNCIL AND JAY SCHAFFER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT – “SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION: CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES”**

The full report can be viewed from the library website at:  
<http://www.library.umass.edu/presentations/schcomm2001.html>

**B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Principal Administrative Officers**

*Chancellor David Scott* announced that Joseph Cofield, Vice President and Executive Director of the UMass Foundation will be on assignment on the Amherst campus to help lead the Development effort until a new Vice Chancellor for Advancement is appointed.

Chancellor Scott then recounted the benefits of a series of events led by John Kabat-Zinn, on leave from UMass Worcester, dealing with contemplative practice and meditation in organizations in higher education.

*Provost Cora Marrett* called for faculty volunteers to participate in a faculty receiving line as part of an effort to improve this year's Commencement. She then urged faculty to check the Campus Chronicle for information on how well UMass did in the newly published US News and World Report rankings.

*Vice Chancellor Javier Cevallos* referred faculty to a handout in the back of the room put out by the Office of Academic Planning and Assessment dealing with economic opportunity and access to the University.

**2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate**

*Secretary Ernest May* announced that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate met with Vice President Selma Botman and Associate Vice President Daphne Layton to discuss the role of the Amherst campus in the University

system. He thought it was "an enlightening and engaged discussion from both sides."

**3. The Chair of the Rules Committee**

*Rules Committee Chair Roland Chilton* announced that the Rules Committee has voted to ask the Secretary to call a meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to discuss what the Faculty Senate or general faculty should do to respond to what many see as a growing crisis in campus leadership.

**4. The President of the Student Government Association**

*Student Trustee Seth Avakian* thanked Vice Chancellor Cevallos for putting together a group of staff and students to engage in a cost-cutting exercise in student affairs. He then asked faculty to do everything possible to minimize the impact on undergraduates when cutting costs in their departments.

**5. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors**

*Senator Ronald Story* announced that there would be a rally April 4, 2001 at noon on the Student Union Steps entitled "Keep the Public in Public Education" sponsored by University Unions and Jobs with Justice. He then announced that MSP elections for officers and board members would be held April 3, 2001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the MSP office.

Senator Story then updated the Senate on the progress of the lobbying effort, noting that volunteers "have been extremely well received by very attentive legislators," and that the next task, for which volunteers are still needed, would be to meet with Senators.

**The 589<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**

**March 29, 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 29, 2001.**