

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

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 590th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on April 12, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

Faculty Senate Secretary Ernest May moved to suspend the rules in order to make a motion regarding Provost Cora Marrett.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate congratulate Cora B. Marrett on the prospective completion of her four-year term as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. Provost Marrett has been a courageous leader and a tireless advocate for the academic mission of the campus. She has upheld high academic standards. She has nurtured and encouraged faculty participation in important initiatives.

It will be essential that Cora Marrett's successor be an equally credible scholar, experienced academic leader, and effective advocate for the academic mission of the institution.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

A. "EXEMPLARY PROGRAMS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS" AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS (NASPA) TO THE BOARD OF STUDENT BUSINESSES

Ric Townes, Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Activity, Katja Hahn D'Errico, Director of Student Businesses, Carolyn Pyburn, a Sophomore in the Isenberg School of Management, and Lindsey Knox, a Senior Journalism major spoke of their own experiences with student-run businesses on campus.

B. PRESENTATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RESEARCH ON STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES:

- (1) HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE *NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT*;
- (2) RESEARCH INTO ECONOMIC ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY;
- (3) STATUS REPORT ON THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S EXIT ASSESSMENT POLICY

Bryan Harvey, Associate Provost for Planning and Assessment, Marilyn Blaustein, Director of Institutional Research and Martha Stassen, Director of Assessment each made presentations on recent developments in research on student characteristics and outcomes. For further information please see the Office of Academic Planning and Assessment website: www.umass.edu/oapa and refer to the article in the Campus Chronicle April 20, 2001 entitled "Senate Hears Reports on Student Characteristics, Assessment."

C. NEW COURSES

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the courses NURSING 315, 316, 326, 398E, 398F, 398G and STOCK 180, as recommended by the Academic Matters Council.

STOCK 180 was withdrawn from the motion due to a possible change in the course's rubric.
This motion was seconded and adopted.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning The Memorandum of Agreement between Southern Cross University, Lismore, Australia and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-028 with Motion No. 28-01.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve The Memorandum of Agreement between Southern Cross University, Lismore, Australia and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-028.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

2. **Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning An Exchange Agreement between the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh, Scotland and the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Administration, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-029 with Motion No. 29-01.**

MOVED: 29-01 That the Faculty Senate approve An Exchange Agreement between the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh, Scotland and the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Administration, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-029.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

3. **Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning An Agreement between the DCT International Hotel and Business Management School, Luzern, Switzerland and the University of Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-030 with Motion No. 30-01.**

MOVED: 30-01 That the Faculty Senate approve An Agreement between the DCT International Hotel and Business Management School, Luzern, Switzerland and the University of Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-030.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

4. **Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning A Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the Ecole Nationale Superieure des Telecommunications in Paris, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-031 with Motion No. 31-01.**

MOVED: 31-01 That the Faculty Senate approve A Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the Ecole Nationale Superieure des Telecommunications in Paris, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-031.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

5. **Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning A Memorandum of Understanding between Chian Mai University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, Khokae University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Prince of Songkla University and Suranaree University of Technology of the Ministry of University Affairs, Government of Thailand ("Consortium") and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-032 with Motion No. 32-01.**

MOVED: 32-01 That the Faculty Senate approve A Memorandum of Understanding between Chian Mai University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, Khokae University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Prince of Sougkla University and Suranaree University of Technology of the Ministry of University Affairs, Government of Thailand ("Consortium") and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-032.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

6. **Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning An Agreement of Cooperation between the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the University of Copenhagen on Student Exchange, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-033 with Motion No. 33-01.**

MOVED: 33-01 That the Faculty Senate approve An Agreement of Cooperation between the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the University of Copenhagen on Student Exchange, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-033.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Principal Administrative Officers**

Provost Marrett announced her appreciation for the resolution passed at the beginning of the meeting regarding her resignation. She then reinforced the need for faculty volunteers at this year's commencement and noted that the final Distinguished Faculty Lecture would be given by John Mullen April 24, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall entitled "The Once and Future New England Mill Town."

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

Secretary Ernest May: Nomination ballots for Senators went out March 19th and are due back April 16. We're trying to get in a mode this year where we nominate our senators and get the elections over with in the spring so we can hit the ground running in the fall. We're doing the same with the Councils and Committees. So, chairs of councils and committees, if you know you're going to have vacancies, try to get some nominations going and we'll have them filled. Some news from other states: I reported on Maryland at the last meeting where they're looking at a 10-14% increase. In Nebraska, the governor has recommended an 8.4% increase for the University for next year, followed by 6.4% for the following year. Some news from the Councils and Committees: The Academic Matters Council is getting a comprehensive update from Dean Slakey regarding Commonwealth College. It's also working with the Graduate Council on the possible revision of our grading system from the current one to one that would have pluses and minuses, which is much more in conformity with national practice. There's going to be an alert that's sent out on this, but we're giving everyone a heads-up on the fact that this is being considered. The Academic Priorities Council is continuing the process regarding Consumer Studies. It's in active mode now. The Athletic Council recently held a discussion with Chancellor Scott regarding the future of the Athletic program. The General Education Council has adopted a report that will be appearing on the Senate Agenda before the end of the semester. The Program and Budget Council is studying a draft report on Facing the Fiscal Crisis. It will make a presentation at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. The Status of Women Council recently held a meeting with representatives of the Consumer Studies Department. The Outreach Council has had an interesting exchange with Jack Wilson regarding the MIT initiative, which has been in the papers. The Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions Practices has met and elected Robert Wolff as chair. The Campus Physical Planning Committee recently received a presentation from Jim Cahill regarding the major facilities initiatives which are planned to begin some in a week and some about 3 years from now. The Committee on Committees will make appointments to councils and committees this spring so they can hit the ground running next fall. The University Writing Committee is completing its reviews and is concerned about delivering its curriculum and staffing issues. We just saw a presentation about exit requirements; here is a critical committee that is concerned, as many programs are, with the institution's ability to deliver what it's supposed to do.

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

Rules Committee Chair Roland Chilton announced that the Executive Committee met on Monday, April 2, 2001 and discussed concern over the possibility of an extended search for a permanent chancellor. He also mentioned that the Committee thought it was important for faculty to develop and present a faculty understanding of the role of this campus and the role of the other campuses in the University system. He then stated that the Rules Committee, with the help of some members from the Executive Committee, would draft a report for debate and vote at the April 26th Faculty Senate Meeting. The report will call attention to the University's Governance Documents and to traditional faculty involvement in the search for a permanent chancellor for the Amherst campus. In addition, the report will ask that President Bulger expedite the formation of a search committee.

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

Secretary May, in the absence of Jane Giacobbe-Miller, President, announced that Ron Story has been elected President of the Massachusetts Society of Professors effective July 1, 2001. He then thanked Liz Councilman, the Outreach office, the faculty, librarians and staff for their exceptional work in coordinating and participating in this year's lobbying effort.

5. *Chancellor David Scott* returned to the Faculty Senate meeting and thanked Provost Marrett for her service to the University.

The 590th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 5:12 p.m. April 12, 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 April 12, 2001.