

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

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 596th meeting of the Faculty Senate to order October 18, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

A. ADDRESS BY MARGO CRIST, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

"FACING A MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION: CAN WE MAINTAIN A QUALITY RESEARCH LIBRARY WITH 20% LESS IN ACQUISITIONS?"

The full presentation is available online at www.library.umass.edu/presentations/

MOTION FROM THE RESEARCH LIBRARY COUNCIL:

Whereas the reported state budget compromise for FY 2002 would reduce the so-called ERM appropriation (line 7077-0010, "for the purchase of scientific, technological, and other educational reference materials for the libraries of the system of public higher education institutions") from the current \$14 million to the pre-1999 figure of \$11 million;

And whereas this would represent a cut of more than 21% from the FY 2001 budget;

And whereas these vital funds are used to buy the books and subscribe to the journals that are essential to the successful education of our students and to the outstanding research that contributes both to that education and to the economy of the Commonwealth;

And whereas the University of Massachusetts libraries and those of our sister public institutions of higher education are already coping with high rates of inflation in book and journal costs;

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, call upon the
02-02 Governor and the House and Senate leadership to restore the current level of ERM funding and thereby avoid devastating cuts to our libraries.

This motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS

Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Education, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 02-005 with Motion No. 03-02.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Education, as
03-02 presented in Sen. Doc. No. 02-005.

This motion was seconded.

Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Ernest May made a motion to amend motion number 03-02 by adding the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or designee and the student trustee or designee to the Ad Hoc Committee's membership.

The motion to amend was seconded and adopted.

Senator Marta Calas made a motion to further amend motion number 03-02 to include in the committee's membership one representative from each of the campus' schools and colleges.

The motion to amend was seconded.

Secretary May spoke against the motion to amend, stating that that the chairs of different Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, who come from many of the other schools and colleges, will be on the ad hoc committee providing a broad representation from the schools and colleges. He also mentioned that this is intended to be a coordinating group, not a policy making group, and worried that raising the faculty membership from 3 to 9, might result in complications that can arise from having such a large group. He then added that there are some smaller schools and colleges, such as Public Health and Nursing, that are already stretched to send representatives to the councils and committees of the Senate, and requiring every school and college to have representation on another council may be an undue burden.

Senator Christine King asked what the future of the ad hoc committee might be and if it will take on a major role. She suggested that answers to those questions might shape the decision about whether or not representation from each school is needed.

Senator Mokhtar Atallah mentioned that expanding the committee to represent each school or college would cause it to take the shape of other councils of the Faculty Senate, and establishing such a body would require a change to the bylaws. He then asked, "if we're building such a structure, what will happen to the other councils? Will this committee be taking the responsibility from other councils if it has its own representative from every college?" and added, "If it's just going to be a coordination committee it doesn't need to be that big."

Senator Calas, suggested that one possibility of working out the membership of the committee would be to consider if representation of every school and college would be included through the membership in the other committees that are already going to be represented.

Secretary May read the committee's charge and stated that, while it might be beneficial to have representation from each school and college, there are currently a number of councils and committees to which many colleges have not sent representatives, and there are in excess of 60 open slots in the Senate itself.

Rules Committee Chair, Roland Chilton noted that this committee is a preliminary effort, an ad hoc committee, to look at, explore, and see whether or not there could be a committee that could actually coordinate the work of other councils. Therefore, because of its exploratory nature, he suggested that the group should be kept small.

Senator Craig Moore suggested that the Committee on Committees, when they designate at-large members for the committee, look at which of the colleges are already represented by virtue of membership on other various councils, and endeavor to fill out the committee with members of colleges and schools not yet represented.

The motion to amend was defeated.

Motion 03-02 was adopted as amended.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers

Deputy Provost John Cunningham, in the absence of Interim Provost Charlena Seymour, announced that October 26th is the deadline to nominate Distinguished Teachers this year. Faculty are allowed to nominate one or two teaching assistants who have done an outstanding job, and are encouraged to do so. Students will nominate faculty members.

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary May thanked deans Glen Gordon and Lee Edwards as well as the chancellor and the faculty senate for their leadership in setting up a series of forums on terrorism.

He then reported on the progress of the Chancellor Search Committee, stating that it approved the final draft of the profile of the new UMass Chancellor which can be viewed online at: <http://www.umass.edu/senate/governance.htm>

He hopes people will look at the profile, make comments, and give feedback, so that when candidates come to campus in February or March, there will be some agreement on the standards against which we'll measure candidates.

Nominations can be made to any member of the search committee, or directly to the search consultants who are available through the UMass President's Office webpage at www.umassp.edu. On that page there is a link to the search webpage where you can make suggestions or communicate with a search committee member.

Secretary May thanked all who met with members of the Search Committee on October 10th to discuss their visions with the members of the search committee who were on campus, including Stephen Tocco, chair of the Board of Higher Education and Grace Fey, who's the chair of the Board of Trustees. He thought that those who came to the sessions and spoke expressed themselves in a very articulate and intelligent ways, impressing these people and changing minds.

3. The President of the Student Government Association

Student Trustee John Laubinger, introduced himself as a junior philosophy major living in Southwest's Coolidge tower, and introduced and thanked Hannah Fatemi and Dan Saunders, Trustee team assistants for faculty and administration and for the Board of Trustees and other system-wide individuals.

He then thanked Secretary May, the Faculty Senate and the Chancellor's Search Committee for remembering publicly that the mission of this University is undergraduates and their education, and for refocusing on improving undergraduate education and student life.

Student Trustee Laubinger mentioned and supported the possibility of a task force that would be commissioned by Academic Affairs, Interim Provost Seymour and Vice Chancellor Javier Cevallos to address ways to improve opportunities for student leadership.

He then mentioned and asked for Faculty Senate support for a student Senate motion by Senators Dan Saunders and Blake Kleppe. The motion concerned the presentation on UMass spending as compared with six peer institutions, and stated that not only should UMass look at the way money is spent, but should also remember that the University's mission isn't just undergraduate education, but also student life.

4. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors

Senator Jane Giacobbe-Miller, in the absence of MSP President Ron Story, announced that the MSP is forming three committees or study groups that come out of the most recent contract. The first will study sabbaticals and different configurations for sabbaticals. The second will look at spousal employment opportunities and problems of dual career couples among the faculty and other members of the bargaining unit. The third will examine childcare issues relating to problems that MSP members might face. She encouraged anyone interested in any of the three committees to contact the MSP.

The 596th meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:37 p.m. October 18, 2001.

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 18, 2001.