

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

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 605th meeting of the Faculty Senate to order April 11, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following people made announcements:

1. Principal Administrative Officers
Vice Chancellor Javier Cevallos
2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Secretary Ernest May
3. The Chair of the Rules Committee
Rules Committee Chair Roland Chilton

B. QUESTION PERIOD

The following people asked questions:

*Senator Joseph Donohue
Secretary May
Senator Jane Giacobbe-Miller*

C. OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL EDUCATION DESIGNATION

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the designation for UNIV 190I as a General Education
24-02 Interdisciplinary (I) course, as recommended by the General Education Council.

This motion was seconded and adopted with one objection.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Report of the Status of Women Council concerning The Proposal to Oppose the Decision to Eliminate the University Child Care Center, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 02-030 with Motion No. 26-02.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate endorse the Status of Women Council's proposal to oppose the
26-02 decision to eliminate the University child Care Center, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 02-030.

This motion was seconded.

Nancy Patteson, Co-Chair, Status of Women Council: The Faculty Senate Council on the Status of Women is pleased that the administration has decided to allow the University Child Care Center to continue for another year. This decision to negotiate with the campus community rather than authorize a fatal blow to a model program is an

act of good faith. In this time of instability on this campus and in the state of Massachusetts there are those of us who rally around such morsels of good news.

Unfortunately, the UCC is not permanently restored, and it will still feel the sting of budget cuts. Staff will be reduced, operations will be modified, and parent fees will go up. They will not escape this financial mess unscathed and neither will the families that depend upon their services. The fact that the Center survives for another year is the only good news.

In our report presented to you today, we opposed the decision to eliminate the University Child Care Center and recommended the restoration of essential functions in a cost-effective manner. The decision announced last Friday to continue childcare services for another year responds favorably to that motion. However, the issue that remains unresolved in the administration's decision is the question of whether childcare is central to the mission of this University.

The threat to UCC, along with last year's elimination of the Consumer Studies Program, raises a warning flag for the Status of Women Council. We are concerned with how vital decisions are being made on this campus, and we are concerned that policies friendly to families and our human resources are in danger of being dismantled. Family-friendly policy for the faculty, staff and students of this University is not a luxury, but a real necessity for the health and well being of this campus community. We must all pay attention if this campus is to remain diverse, inclusive and dynamic.

Motion 26-02 was adopted unanimously.

2. **Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities and Program and Budget Councils concerning The Proposal for a New Minor in Engineering Management, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 02-031 with Motion No. 27-02.**

MOVED: 27-02 That the Faculty Senate approve the Minor in Engineering Management, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 02-031.

This motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

3. **Special Motion by the Rules Committee endorsing the April 25, 2002 Rally in Boston.**

MOVED: 28-02 That the Faculty Senate endorse the Save UMass Coalition plans for a student-faculty-staff Rally at the State House on April 25, 2002. We further urge faculty who are not members of the Senate to attend the Rally if possible and urge their students and colleagues to attend to the extent feasible, in view of the urgent need to communicate the University's current budgetary challenges and needs to the Legislature as clearly and in as many ways as possible, and in view of the ongoing participation and involvement of so many campus faculty in the Save UMass initiative.

This motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

4. **Progress Report (Oral) of the Provost's Steering Committee: Program Assessment, Strategic Directions and Resource Allocation Janet Rifkin and Frank Hugus, Co-Chairs**

Peter Tamas, Senator Eric Einhorn, Professor Michael Malone, Senator Roland Chilton, Professor Janet Rifkin, Secretary May, Senator Marta Calas, Senator Frank Hugus, and Senator Brian O'Connor asked questions and made comments directed toward the progress of the Steering Committee.

The 605th meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:38 p.m. April 11, 2002.

**Respectfully submitted by Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Due to technical difficulties, no audiotape is available for the proceedings of this meeting.**