

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

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Jerome Mileur called the 611th meeting of the Faculty Senate to order November 14, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

A. ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN KULIK "UPDATE ON THE STATE BUDGET AND HIGHER EDUCATION"

The full text of Representative Kulik's Address can be viewed on the Faculty Senate website at http://www.umass.edu/senate/minutes02_03.html

B. SPECIAL MOTION BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

MOVED: 05-03 That the Faculty Senate urge the next Governor to be mindful of representation for Western Massachusetts on the Board of Trustees; such representation is critical for the economic development of the region.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers

Deputy Chancellor John Dubach reported on the progress of the Student Information System, stating that outstanding balances on student accounts are now available on the new system and that the system opened for online, confirmed course registration for the Spring semester.

Provost Charlena Seymour announced the creation of a new search committee to find a Faculty Advisor to the Provost for Undergraduate Education. The members of the search committee are Joseph Goldstein, Dean of the School of Engineering as chair, John Cunningham, Alexandrina Deschamps, Ernest May, Mary Deane Sorcinelli, and Mark Morrison from the Student Government Association.

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary Ernest May announced that a meeting would be held on November 18 for representatives of the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology, including Dean Brian Rothschild, and the six Faculty Senate Councils and Committees currently considering the extension of its approval. There will be a short presentation and time for questions and discussion at the meeting.

3. The Faculty Delegates to the Board of Trustees

Faculty Delegate Brian O'Connor reported that all five new Trustees were present at the Full Board meeting, and at the Committee of the Whole, four out of five were present. The Trustees appointed Professor Jeanine Young-Mason of the School of Nursing as a Distinguished Professor, and Vice President Selma Botman, in cooperation with several local administrators, had a panel of teacher researchers give a presentation about the value of teaching and research. The panel consisted of Professors Brigham-Grette from Geosciences, Croft from Computer Science, McLaughlin from Electrical & Computer Engineering, Osborne from Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Partee from Linguistics and Young from English.

D.

QUESTION PERIOD

Secretary May stated that Chancellor Lombardi's list of capital projects seems to represent necessity more than opportunity. He asked the Chancellor to comment on that since many of the departments and programs on campus that might be able to advance the cause of the campus and become nationally prominent are constrained by space issues, and UMass may not have another chance to engage in such an extensive list of projects again.

Chancellor John V. Lombardi stated that the capital plan is the first step in the campus' recovery from a long period of inability to address both deferred maintenance and new space issues. He stated that it would be impossible to produce the revenue to support a plan that would meet all of the objectives of all of the people on the campus, so the first cycle of investments will address steps that are critical and essential for the safety and health and welfare of everybody on campus.

E.

ANNUAL REPORTS

1. 2001-2002 Annual Report of the Athletic Council, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 03-007.

Secretary May asked for an explanation of how institutional support for the Athletic Department decreased by \$1.1 million while "Athletic Trust Fund Revenues" increased by \$1.1 million dollars leaving the total revenues and expenditures from last year the same as this year's when there was supposed to be a \$1 million decrease in the Athletic Department's budget.

Athletic Council co-chair, Nelson Lacey: There was a \$1 million cut in the budget from the elimination of certain one-time fees, and of seven sports. We did cut seven sports. The Athletic Department said to the student athletes that, while your sport is cut, we will give you one more year of scholarship. We will not cut you off at the knees; you have another year from our commitment. I said about half of the half—so about a quarter of the million—was in honoring that commitment. So about half of it would be in one-time fees that the Athletic Department wouldn't incur next year. And the other half—most of it is in increases in fees, room and board to scholarship aid. I think we all know that fees, room and board went up last year. If we're going to run an athletic program and we're gonna give scholarships, every time fees, room and board are raised, so will be the commitment to the scholarship aid to those athletes. And so, I would say that I view those as inflationary costs that are going to increase every year as long as we have athletic programs here. They're never going to all go away. And I think if you total that all up, it gets to about the million dollars. Now, what you were referring to also, Ernie: that's an estimate of fiscal year '03, and we don't know what those numbers are going to come in. We just don't know. I do know that when they do put those estimates together, one thing they do is they forecast that some of our teams are going to make the NCAA tournaments. And what happens when our teams make NCAA tournaments is it ends up costing the department more money because we need to send the teams there. The NCAA doesn't reimburse fully, and so we don't know exactly what's going to happen to the actual fiscal year '03 numbers. I can tell you that what happened last year, the forecast of the fiscal year '02 came in about \$300,000 higher than the actual number, so I think if you factor in the forecasting and those one-time fees and the increases, that totals up to about a million dollars.

Senator O'Connor asked where the money for the Athletic Trust Fund comes from because, according to the Annual Report, the trust fund totaled \$7 million for fiscal year '02 with an increase of \$1 million for fiscal year '03.

Deputy Chancellor Dubach: Basically the income from the fee has gone up, and the income from other operating sources from within the University went down by roughly equal amounts. So that the numbers that you see on that page for Nelson's explanation of what happens and where the million dollars went, yes, the portion of the student fee to go to Athletics went up at the same time approximately equal amount of money from the operating funds of the University that went to

Athletics went down. So it was not an increase in the student fee to give Athletics more money. That was a wash from the University. We could have taken that money and put it in something else and maintained the University's operating commitment to Athletics. There was no new money involved there. That was an accounting swap, if you like.

Senator O'Connor asked if the Athletic Fee would increase next year.

Deputy Chancellor Dubach answered no, but then stated that he wasn't really sure what would happen next year.

Senator O'Connor asked if a third-year student would be paying the same Athletic Fee as they did in their first year at UMass.

Vice Chancellor Joyce Hatch stated that seniors are paying more now than they did as freshmen because the Athletic Fee went up \$65 this year, but that there shouldn't be another fee increase next year.

Senator Maria Tymoczko asked who authorized the \$65 increase in the Athletic Fee to bail out the Athletic Program when that same amount of money would have bailed out the research library.

Vice Chancellor Hatch stated that the campus proposed the plan to the trustees; who then authorized it as a total package increase to students this year.

Senator Christine King asked for a clarification of whether or not there was a \$1 million decrease to the Athletic Department's budget.

Professor Lacey answered that there was a \$1 million cut to the budget, and that if there hadn't been, there would have to be a \$500,000 increase to the budget to support scholarships. The other \$500,000 came from one-time fees that won't be covered in the future.

Senator O'Connor stated that he was at the emergency budget meeting last year where the fee increase was authorized. He said that there was little if any discussion about the meeting about how the fee increase would be allocated.

Senator Tymoczko stated that it is surprising to her that the solution to the budget emergency last year has carried over into implications for prioritizing items on campus in this fiscal year. She stated that she'd like to see a clearer setting of priorities to support the core of the academic mission of this campus.

This report was received by the Faculty Senate.

- 2. Annual Report of the University Press Committee, Academic Year 2001-2002, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 03-008.**

This report was received by the Faculty Senate.

- 3. Annual Report of the Status of Minorities Council, Academic Year 2001-2002, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 03-005.**

This report was received by the Faculty Senate.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Special Report of the Foreign and International Studies Council concerning The Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Exchange of Undergraduate Students between The University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hksar, China, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 03-009 with Motion No. 06-03.

MOVED: 06-03 That the Faculty Senate approve The Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Exchange of Undergraduate Students between The University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hksar, China, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 03-009.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

G. NEW COURSE

MOVED: 07-03 That the Faculty Senate approve the course NRC 621, as recommended by the Graduate Council.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

H. BYLAW CHANGES (Second Reading)

Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 03-006A with Motion No. 04-03.

MOVED: 04-03 That the Faculty Senate approve the Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 03-006A.

There were no questions or discussions regarding the Bylaw Change following this reading.

The 611th meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:50 p.m. November 14, 2002.

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 November 14, 2002.