

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

**MINUTES**

Presiding Officer Jerome Mileur called the 622<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on October 2, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

**A. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Principal Administrative Officers**

Amy Glynn, Associate to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, talked about the Autumn Event taking place on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there will be an average of 3,500 high school students and their families who will visit and, if the weather holds, there will be closer to 4,000. She also stated that, to emphasize the importance of this event, last year 77% of the students who attended the Autumn Event applied to UMass, 70% were accepted and 43 attended. Right now, we have a wonderful demographic mix, both in terms of ALANA representation and in student representation from 20 different states. Ms. Glynn will send her announcement to all faculty.

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

Secretary Ernest May stated that the new course proposals and doctoral exams which were previously announced in the *Campus Chronicle*, and which are required by Trustee statute to be announced in the *Campus Chronicle*, are now being announced on the Provost's web page. He also took a moment to congratulate Chancellor Lombardi on his significant accomplishments during his first year in office and in Amherst. Secretary May said that the Chancellor continues to have strong support of all the constituencies from the Board of Higher Education, the Board of Trustees through the faculty and staff to the students. He has established the UMass Amherst Foundation and set a new record in private fundraising. He has provided outstanding management of an enormous budgetary disaster which eclipses anything that had been experienced before.

**3. The Faculty Delegate to the Board of Trustees**

Faculty Delegate W. Brian O'Connor stated that as the campus representative to the President's Search Committee, the first official committee meeting took place this past Friday afternoon in which 22 of the 24 members attended. On Tuesday, there was an Open Forum and prior to that, the two co-chairs, John Armstrong and he, attended a meeting for the vice chancellors, vice provosts and deans. The next scheduled meeting for the entire Committee will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

President Jenny Spencer mentioned three items. First, on October 18<sup>th</sup>, she urged all faculty members to attend the football game. The USA was sponsoring an all-union tailgate party and attending the game with their signs. Second, there has been a change in legislative action. Senator Stanley Rosenberg was trying to work in a supplemental bill to get \$20 million back into our University budget. It then went down to \$10 million. The strategy of the MTA now is to go entirely for funding the contracts. K-12 people are in the process of being recruited to help us with this all across the state. She stated that there is a huge legislative campaign at work and she asked for faculty help, because the leadership at MTA said, "If we set up the meetings, will your people come?" and President Spencer responded "Yes, if you set up the meetings, we will be there." Right now, there is a letter circulating in the State House to have the Pay Bill be put before the Legislature for a voice vote so that everyone can see who is going to vote for the contract and who is not. MTA and MFT in this state have promised that they will give no support to any Legislator who does not support publicly the contracts in this

Legislative cycle. The issue is not pay raises; it is the issue of the integrity of the collective bargaining process. Third, Robert Reich has agreed to come and speak at the University, at the Union's invitation, on November 12 to give a talk in Mahar Auditorium, the topic of which is "UMass and the Future of Public Higher Education." There will be a reception for him at the Lord Jeffrey Ballroom from 7:00 to 9:00 that night.

## B. QUESTIONS

Senator Robert Wilson asked President Spencer if Robert Reich will be paid a fee to speak and how much that fee would be.

President Spencer answered that he was being paid \$2,000.

Senator Eric Einhorn stated that it was very difficult to find a central source of information about what was going on on campus since the loss of the *Campus Chronicle*. He wondered if there was any possibility of replacing the *Campus Chronicle* with some sort of on-line or email-type of document that would provide us with some of the information.

Chancellor John V. Lombardi replied that he was in the process of developing the kind of calendar that exists in many other institutions that allows one to sort a complete calendar of all the events that the University has by subject, topic, division and activity and then those who are responsible for those activities can enter online and put the information in. He said that he hoped this would be live sometime early in the second semester. He also said that the second thing being worked on was a way to present current information that will be accessible. One will be official "announcements page" and another will be a "frequently asked questions" page.

Senator O'Connor stated that he had attended the Autumn Events for a long time and he was concerned that, if there were going to be 4,000 prospective students and their parents arriving, 99% of them will arrive coming down No. Pleasant Street. He said he wanted to raise the issue of the horrible fraternity parties with plastic cups and bottles and junk all over the road.

Chancellor Lombardi responded that these issues of student behavior off campus were being worked on. The Student Affairs Office was trying to get a handle on this, but it was not entirely clear that would be done by Parents' Day.

## C. ELECTIONS

### 1. One At-Large Member of the Rules Committee

A runoff vote was conducted for candidates Senators Seshu Desu and Maria Tymoczko. Senator Maria Tymoczko was elected by written ballot.

### 2. Rules Committee Chair

Senator Richard Bogartz was elected by acclamation from the four at-large Rules Committee members.

### 3. Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees

Senator Seshu Desu was nominated to this position and elected by acclamation.

## D. ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report of the Academic Priorities Council, 2002-2003, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-002.

This report was received.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Revising the Foreign Language Requirement of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-003 with Motion No. 01-04.

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate approve the Change to the Foreign Language Requirement of the College of  
**01-04** Natural Sciences and Mathematics, as recommended by the Academic Matters Council and as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-003.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

Senator Einhorn stated that he had no objection to this modification and it made the system a little more flexible. He stated, for the record, that it was a little unfortunate that now in the three Colleges of Arts and Sciences there were three different language requirements. He said it would have been good if perhaps the three colleges could have worked out a common language requirement for arts and sciences. It made advising students fairly complicated. The pedagogical goals of a language requirement should not result in three separate programs within a college of arts and sciences. He regretted that there wasn't some effort to coordinate this.

Academic Matters Council Chair, John Jenkins responded that he felt certain that the members of the Academic Matters Council would welcome the opportunity to receive and act upon such a proposal if it were forwarded from the Office of the Provost and the Rules Committee.

Senator Maria Tymoczko stated she didn't have any objection to this but wanted to register a certain dismay about the proposal. Part of the problem was that there was not enough beginning and intermediate language courses for the students to take in a timely manner and, ideally, in a happier financial time, this would not be a problem for students. She hoped that if students had more access to beginning languages, a more rigorous requirement would be reinstated.

Senator Mokhtar Atallah commented that deliberation over that issue in the Academic Matters Council was not considered as a reduction in the rigorousness of the requirements. It was affording the students more flexibility to meet the spirit of foreign language requirements within the context of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The requirements remain the same in terms of how many courses they have to take, but the requirements differ and are offering more flexibility now than before.

Senator O'Connor noted that, as a member of the faculty of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, he had some problems with this. He pointed out that about three years ago, it was presented to the entire College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The number of students who arrived here in the summer to get ready to enroll in the College of Arts and Sciences became thoroughly upset with the fact that they didn't know they had to have the fourth level of a language in high school.

2. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Revisions to the Undergraduate Major in Hospitality and Tourism Management, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-004 with Motion No. 02-04.

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate approve Revisions to the Existing Concentrations in  
**02-04** the Undergraduate Major in Hospitality and Tourism Management, and approve the Addition of Two New Concentrations in the Major, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-004.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

Senator Marta Calas asked for clarification of this particular program that was transferred to the School of Management and asked why the faculty knew nothing about it stating it was never discussed.

Senator Atallah responded that the Subcommittee on examining new programs and proposals is chaired by Professor Dennis Hanno of the School of Management who is the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Programs. He was aware of the requirements and the changes. He deals with all the different programs within the school. From the point of view of the Academic Matters Council, it was something that was accepted by all parties and approved.

Senator Einhorn asked what would be the proper procedure of recommending that the Deans and the Provost consider some sort of discussion for looking at the now three different language requirements and maybe working out a realistic conversation and encouraging that conversation, given the resources.

Secretary May stated that this is something the Rules Committee should take up and bring it up in a discussion with the central administration and the faculty could initiate such an event themselves.

Senator Atallah said that when the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences changed their curriculum and expressed the need for different requirements for the language, it would be a global orientation of the students adding either the language or the studying of the culture within that group of languages, creating another group of language requirements and he didn't think that would lead to reunifying them which would be a difficult process.

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The 622<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on October 2, 2003.  
The proceedings of this meeting are available on audiotape in the Faculty Senate Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest D. May  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate