

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

Presiding Officer Jerome Mileur called the 624th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on Thursday October 30, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary of the Faculty Senate Ernest May announced that there are a lot of proposals pending in the program budget. When they're completed, they'll be coming before the Senate.

2. The Faculty Delegates of the Board of Trustees

Faculty Delegate W. Brian O'Connor reported that the Governor, apparently has added \$12 million to the capital budget, so it's gone from \$25 million to \$37 million and some of that money will go to complete the Engineering building on this campus and a significant part will go for deferred maintenance. President Wilson continues to lobby to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the union contracts. He also announced that we now have 45 total endowed shares in the system, which is up from 4 in 1995. According to recent budget evaluation, the University financial condition is "stable." In terms of the President search committee, I've attended a couple of events in the greater Boston area. One was a luncheon which hosted business leaders. Another was an evening affair put on by lawyers who - 99 percent - are alums of this campus in the greater Boston area. At that time we heard suggestions on what they thought were characteristics of a successful President. On Tuesday November 4th, the committee will be meeting as a whole for at least 2-3 hours to discuss the latest events.

B. QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Eric Einhorn - Chancellor, I read quickly through the additional budget information that you added to your website last week. There was a figure that was there that sparked a question that I've gotten from several of my constituencies. You mentioned that a roughly a \$21 million cut from last fiscal year to this year was made up by \$20 million in additional student and other internal re-allocations. What some of us are curious about is: where has the retained tuition from out-of-state students gone into those figures? Has that added any revenue or is that part of the additional burden that you described as being placed on students and their families?

Chancellor John Lombardi The out-of-state tuition doesn't change at all relative to the students by retaining it. The only difference is, it stays in the University. The when the Legislature, in its infinite wisdom, allowed us to keep it, it also reduced the budget proportionally. So, basically, it's a net wash for us. What that means is that the only benefit that comes to the University is if the out-of-state enrollment grows, and then the growth in the out-of-state fees and tuitions will remain in the University, and that's essentially what happened.

Senator Einhorn Just to follow up to make sure it's clear because budgets are not something that many of think about: so every dollar we gained from tuition retention was taken away by the Legislature. When we say the \$21 million cut, for example, that was partly made up by tuition retention? Or that was even after tuition retention?

Chancellor Lombardi The tuition retention was totally neutral to the budget cut. It had nothing to do with the budget cut. We retained the tuition. They took the tuition. So we ended up even on that score. So it had no impact on the budget reduction. It simply created the opportunity, in the future, for us to increase the revenue to the campus were we to expand our student body with out-of-state students.

C. ANNUAL REPORT

1. **2002 - 2003 Annual Report of the University Computer and Electronic Communications Committee, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-007**

This report was received.

D. NEW COURSES

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve course NUTR 585, as recommended by the Academic 04-04 Matters and Graduate Councils.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the courses EDU 611, 622, 642, 845, 846, and NUTR 640 and 741, 05-04 as recommended by the Graduate Council

This motion was seconded and adopted.

The 623rd Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 5:02 p.m. on October 16, 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**