

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Presiding Officer Jerome Mileur called the 628th regular meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on March 11, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall, Room 227.

- A. ADDRESS BY MICHAEL GARGANO, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS LIFE
(see attached)

QUESTIONS

Senator Richard Bogartz asked Vice Chancellor Gargano to address the issue of alcohol use on campus.

Vice Chancellor Gargano replied that there was an Alcohol Task Force that presented a set of proposals which administration is now going through and evaluating. The appropriate decisions will be made as needed, but the real issue lies in a need to change the culture of the institution and the nature of student behavior at the institution. Success to that end will mean implementing long-term change throughout a variety of different services and programs on campus. If the problem is addressed simply as an “alcohol issue,” efforts will be deflected by students’ disinterest in the message, and the University will not succeed in bringing about the necessary fundamental change in campus culture and behavior.

Senator Brian O’Connor commented that it is a good idea to have parents on campus during Orientation, but not if faculty will be expected to address the parents as they do students on issues of course work and other academic concerns. He also asked Vice Chancellor Gargano to clarify the point about bills being sent to students versus parents.

Vice Chancellor Gargano responded that bills go directly to the students because they are the adult on record with the University. Addressing the issue of parents at Orientation, he explained that there are two separate tracks – one for students and one for parents – during that time. Parents would not be involved in events focusing on class scheduling, academic advising, and other such student concerns.

Senator Christine King asked where a tuition bill gets sent if the student denotes the parental address as his/her home address.

Vice Chancellor Gargano clarified that a bill gets sent to the address designated by the student. Several bills are sent to students here on campus. He referred to Joyce Hatch for further comment.

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Joyce Hatch explained that the first billing usually goes to the home address, because it is sent during the summer. But the second bill, which goes out after the semester begins, goes to the student’s local address.

Senator King asked what the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Life (OSACL) has planned for the continued sustainability of the Everywoman’s Center and for marketing the success of that Center as efforts toward expansion of the University and outreach to contingency states continues.

Vice Chancellor Gargano replied that the OSACL is working to reposition its services and programs so as to meet the needs of the institution. So, as that repositioning takes place, current services and programs will need to meet the needs of the “new” UMASS Amherst. Likewise, as outreach extends beyond the state of Massachusetts, and out-of-state student enrollment increases, the emerging population of students will come in with a variety of different needs that have not necessarily been addressed by the campus prior to now. So it is very possible that certain centers and services will have to be re-evaluated in this reorganization. Discussion is ongoing, and the factors are multiple and diverse.

Senator King added that, in this design for the future, it seems essential to recognize the necessity of the University Health Services, especially as it pertains to out-of-state students who seem to have a great need to access those services, as they are not always able to return home for local services. The Health Council and the Status of Women Council would most likely be eager to look at the implications of out-of-state enrollment on the services that are currently provided.

Vice Chancellor Gargano acknowledged Senator King’s comment, then went on to address an inaudible follow-up to the question of alcohol use on campus, explaining that success will best be achieved if action is taken during the early stages of student recruitment. By explaining to incoming students the value of their undergraduate experience and how they can go about getting the most out of this experience, OSACL will start to change current student culture and students’ motives for attending the University. Late-night recreational programming is another lucrative proponent of such change.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary Ernest May offered an update on matters currently pending before councils and committees. The Academic Matters Council is discussing the criteria by which courses are designated as worthy of three versus four credits; they are also considering the departmental mergers and addressing certain details of the new grading system to be implemented next fall. The Academic Priorities Council and the Graduate Council are likewise considering the departmental mergers, as well as a new Masters of Architecture degree program and the international student fee. The International Studies Council is considering the University's declining competitive position in the market for international students. The Program and Budget Council is reviewing the departmental mergers and the Masters of Architecture degree proposal. The Research Council is developing memos of advice to the central administration regarding direct and indirect cost recovery. The Undergraduate Education Council, under the Campus Physical Planning Committee (CPPC), heard a report about the classroom use survey, and they will be considering the overall use of space on campus; the CPPC will then be providing advice to the administration on rebuilding the campus.

2. The Faculty Delegate to the Board of Trustees

Faculty Delegate Brian O'Connor announced that he and Secretary May attended the Athletic Committee of the Board of Trustees meeting last week. Chancellor Lombardi and one other trustee were also in attendance. Reports on 1A football and reports from the other three athletic directors were presented. The Presidential Search Committee progresses with due diligence. At least two or three more meetings are anticipated before a decision may be made.

C. QUESTION PERIOD

Secretary May requested that someone of the administration – perhaps Joyce Hatch – address the question of whether next year's graduate student curriculum fee is scheduled to rise and, if so, by how much.

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Hatch replied that the Trustees have voted on a fee increase. It will be an increase of \$750 for the year – the same amount as the undergraduate curriculum fee.

D. NEW COURSES

There are no reports associated with the following motions:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
BIOLOGY 270H	“Cosmos to Humanity--From the Big Bang to the Space Age”	4
CHINESE 150	“Peoples and Languages of China”	3

MOVED: 25-04 That the Faculty Senate approve the courses BIOLOGY 270H and CHINESE 150, as recommended by the Academic Matters Council.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

Secretary May moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce an amendment to the Special Report of the Committee on Committees.

This motion was seconded, and the rules were suspended.

MOVED: 20-04 That the Faculty Senate approve the nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-020B.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
EDUC 612	“Educational Web Design: Creation and Evaluation”	3

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the course EDUC 612, as recommended by the Graduate Council.
26-04

This motion was seconded and adopted.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Adjustments to the Undergraduate Curriculum for English Majors, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-025 with Motion No. 27-04.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the changes to the requirements for the B.A. degree in English, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-025.
27-04

This motion was seconded and adopted.

2. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Requirements for Graduation Magna or Summa Cum Laude, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-026 with Motion No. 28-04.

MOVED: That students must earn for their culminating experience course/s and for their documentation manuscripts and any accompanying artifacts (if these grades differ from the course grade/s) a B+ or higher for *Magna cum laude* and an A- or A for *Summa cum laude*, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-026.
28-04

Dean of Commonwealth College Linda Slakey addressed an inaudible question, explaining that students who are registered for a thesis receive the grade on the artifact as the graded credits. If the student is taking a capstone course, the artifact that gets filed at the end may get a different grade from the course grade, depending on the merit of the student’s work in each task field. So, both the course grade and the artifact grade must meet the proposed standard.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

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The 628th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on March 11, 2004.
The proceedings of this meeting are available on audiotape in the Faculty Senate Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest D. May
Secretary of the Faculty Senate