

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Presiding Officer Robert Wilson called the 676th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on September 18, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall, Room 227.

A. ADDRESS BY CHANCELLOR ROBERT C. HOLUB
(QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW)

Last Friday, I gave an address, and I do not want to repeat what I said there. Many of you were in attendance. Others of you have seen what I have said. There is a complete online script of the points that I covered. It may surprise you to know I did not come up with any new ideas since last Friday. I actually have some ideas that I did not include last Friday, but I am not going to talk about them today. What I want to do is reiterate a few of the things that I said.

The first thing is the importance of the faculty. It must be my thirtieth year as a faculty member, and I consider myself to be a faculty member here as soon as I get appointed. I do not know if that is ever going to happen, but I hope it happens soon. I did turn in all my materials just today, so I hope that that goes through. Most of the 27 years I spent at Berkeley, I spent working in the Faculty Senate. It is called the Academic Senate there, but most of the activity I had was in the Academic Senate. I was always someone who was working on faculty committees and participating in that way. I do have a great deal of respect for the institution and for this group. I emphasized in my talk that the faculty is the most important element of any institution. I can reiterate that here. I also wanted to emphasize again that the role of the administration is to facilitate the activities of the faculty and the students in research, teaching and service. That is what the administration is here for. We do not do anything independently that does not involve those aspects of the University that the faculty is essential in carrying out. For that reason, my main emphasis is not to point fingers at you and tell you what you should be doing, but really to look at what we are doing as an administration and to try to emphasize what we can do better in order to make the faculty more productive and in order to make the student experience better on campus. This is what we have to do as the administration. If we are failing to do that or if there are some areas in which we can improve then we need to hear about that.

Let me just mention the eight areas I talked about as needing attention. There may be other areas as well, or maybe some of these do not need quite as much attention as I originally thought. The first one I mentioned was research activity. The second was fundraising. The third was communication and the general communication strategy on campus. The fourth had to do with administrative structures which I think need to conform to best practices and to align with the mission we have on campus. The fifth was graduate education. The sixth had to do with the first few years of undergraduate education but generally the shape of undergraduate education on the campus. The seventh had to do with construction and the challenge that we have in terms of our facilities. The eighth had to do with what I call "faculty reinvention." Many of these areas you will recognize as places we need to work with the faculty on. In fact, in all of these areas, we want to work with the faculty. Some, however, are areas in which the faculty carry special responsibilities and special obligations at an institution, especially those that are involved with curriculum and education. I hope that we can work together in good partnership to move forward for the good of the Amherst campus.

One of the things you may be curious about is our financial outlook for the future. I was at a luncheon today and the Governor spoke. Some of the representatives and legislators were also there and spoke. I think that you can guess, unless you have not seen a newspaper for the past week, that the outlook is not tremendously rosy. The Governor remains committed to higher education, but it is unlikely that we will be spared reductions in mid-year and for the next budget cycle. That is the way I read what he had to say. In speaking in Boston yesterday with the Senate President, I think it is unlikely that we are going to go through unscathed. It is going to be a difficult time. It is not the best way to start. I told the Governor that the financial outlook for the state is much different than when I was appointed in May, and I told him that I did not think there was a correlation between my being appointed and the downturn, and I think he agreed at least with that. I think what we need to do is to proceed strategically and in a way that is going to be in the best interests of the institution. One of the things we do not want to do is lose any momentum. I count on you for help and for your advice with this difficult task that we are going to face.

Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, stated that Chancellor Holub made a distinction between faculty renewal and faculty reinvention. Could the Chancellor elaborate?

Chancellor Holub stated that renewal can carry the connotation that you are going to do the same thing that you have done in the past. Renewal is just catching up to something that you have already achieved. His notion is that the University has to be looking at different ways to do things so that it is reinventing at the same time. It has less to do with whether there is going to be the addition of faculty members than how the University is going to add them. It has to do with whether the University is just going to say, "Well, what did we have in 1989, and that is what we are going to have in 2009." If they were doing what they did in 1989 in their fields, then they would not be very successful. One of the things to look at is how the University adds faculty members and how to do that so the campus is the best it can possibly be.

Senator John McCarthy stated the Chancellor talked about investing in areas where UMass could become well known. One of the examples was in clean energy. Senator McCarthy asked if the Chancellor could elaborate on that. The example is nearly always from engineering and applied science. He asked if the Chancellor could say a little about how there could be areas of investment in other fields.

Chancellor Holub stated he did not consider clean energy to be in the applied sciences only. It has definite implications for social sciences. It has implications, obviously, for the School of Management and for people working there. He did not consider it that narrowly defined, although there are scientific aspects to it. It is incumbent upon the people who are outside of the sciences to decide what those areas are going to be. He is looking for is a place where the University can excel. There are various opportunities in all parts of the University. It is not restricted. Nor is the area of clean energy restricted to the sciences.

Secretary May stated a large University like this has both the strengths and weaknesses of its particular form of organization. The University has different vice chancelleries with various functions and deaneries that are organized in a way that has advantages and disadvantages. Ten years ago, there was a proposal on this campus to do something different. For reasons relating to imminent budget cuts, that proposal never saw the light of day. Secretary May asked what Chancellor Holub's impression was about the University's overall organization and how that serves the purposes of both students and faculty.

Chancellor Holub stated the University works well in its areas. The main challenge is that the University does not work as well together as it should. That would include the deaneries, the vice chancellors, the faculty as well. Working together and across the boundaries that are set up administratively is the greatest challenge the University has. The University has to be coordinated and pull together. That is what we do not do as well as we could. There are a lot of individuals on campus who do a great job in their area. We can add to the overall excellence of the campus if we are more coordinated in our actions and activities.

Senator Bruce Baird stated the Chancellor mentioned General Education in his comments on Friday. He asked if the Chancellor could comment on the challenges found in the General Education program and whether he was bringing some insight from less traditional programs.

Chancellor Holub responded that universities, in general, do not do well in General Education across the country. One of the reasons they do not is because no one really owns it. The departments do not own it because they are looking more at training for their majors and their graduate students. General Education is an orphan at most institutions, and then it is left to a central administrative or college office where that is not the main focus.

In looking at other institutions' General Education practices, there are a lot of similarities with what we do here. One of the things to reflect upon is what constitutes basic skill courses and what constitutes General Education. How much is General Education going to be a distributional requirement, and how much is it going to involve generally educating a student population for the 21st century? For example, suppose you were taking your first biology course. That might be a fine course, but is that the kind of general education that a student needs in biology for the 21st century as an English or political science major? Is there not something in terms of the big questions in biology that might be better to teach rather than Biology I?

It is those sorts of things that at this institution and at many institutions across the country are not well thought out, and that is why it is important to issue a challenge to the faculty. Students consider General Education to be a checklist. You check off courses that you have to complete, and then you are happy when you have completed that. To my mind, General Education should be the most exciting part of the curriculum. Twenty or thirty years from now, as a physics major, you should remember that person who taught you how to read poetry. Or if you are an English major, you look back on that person who taught you about the physical universe. That is often not the way it is, but that is what we have to look at when we look at issues of General Education.

Senator Marta Calas stated it seems that Chancellor Holub can speak multiple languages because he has been discussing “best practices,” and that sounds very managerial. He can also talk about General Education, which is a larger problem than the sequence of courses students should enroll in. He talked about the way the University should integrate the way it thinks about clean energy, stating the problem is, in fact, interdisciplinary. All of those languages are not equally compatible. For example, the issue of best practices has an administrative tone to it. It may not necessarily eliminate barriers in terms of the interdisciplinary practices that are required for something such as clean energy. She asked if Chancellor Holub could talk a bit more about that larger framework—his meta-theoretical position?

Chancellor Holub stated nothing is new at any university. His first instinct in looking at an administrative structure is to find out how other fine universities have dealt with that issue. That is what I would call “best practices.” At the same time, that does not mean there cannot be an advantage to deviating from that, but it is important to see what that practice is first. There has to be a reason for that practice. If the reason is that that is the way we have always done it, that does not seem like a particularly good reason, especially if you are not achieving the level of success that you want. So then, he would look at the best practices and see if that is going to get us where we want to go. With regard to something like General Education, the usual practices are not best practices. General Education is kind of a stepchild at most institutions. This University can do better. Other institutions can do better. There is not really a best practice there, or if there is a best practice, it is not the common practice. You have to look at what the success is with the practices and procedures that you have when you encounter problems. You have to see how other good universities do it, and how this university might do it differently.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers

Charlena Seymour, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated there are two new interim deans. Jim Kurose will be serving as the Interim Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Jean Swinney will be serving as the Interim Dean of the School of Nursing. Neither one of them were able to make it here today to introduce themselves formally, but they will be at future Faculty Senate meetings.

It was an exciting opening academic year. There was a reception for new faculty that many of you attended. There was a wonderful convocation. Also, there was an outstanding lecture from the history department. A keynote address was given by our alum, Ken Feinberg. Also, in terms of things that are on the horizon, September 19 is the opening of the Studio Arts Building with a gala that evening. On September 21, the Renaissance Center will kick off its 10th anniversary. The theme for the anniversary activity is the “The Year of Shakespeare.” Shakespeare is about 445 years old. On Sunday at 2 p.m., there will be a performance of “As You Like It.” Some people who are familiar to you will be in the performance on that day.

Also, on September 29, there will be a lecture by Julianne Malveaux who is president of Bennett College. You have probably seen her on television and read many of her articles in *USA Today*. Her lecture will be at 4:00 p.m. in the Bernie Dallas room. The title of her presentation is, “What’s Trump: Race, Class, Gender, and the 2008 Election.”

There have been a lot of searches over this past year. Provost Seymour signed off on 83 searches so far, and there are now still four in progress, which means these people will probably be coming in the fall. Of the 83 hires, 37 or 43 percent are female and 13 or 15 percent are from underrepresented minorities. There is still momentum in faculty hiring, and we are bringing first-rate, sterling people to this campus.

Joyce Hatch, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, introduced a new member of the campus, Juanita Holler from Washington, D.C. She is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Planning. She is a registered architect. She has over 20 years of experience at the National Institute of Health (NIH) and five years at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She has held positions as Chief of Master Planning, Director of Facilities Planning and Programming and most recently Acting Director of NIH’s Office of Research Facilities Development and Operations. Many people have met Juanita and realize the University fortunate to have someone who understands not only a research mission but what it takes in terms of facilities to carryout a successful mission.

Vice Chancellor Hatch gave an update on some of the significant, large projects underway. The new heating plant is still undergoing emissions tests throughout September. It is running, but the University cannot produce 100 percent of its steam and electricity right now because of this emission testing, although it is our primary source right now. It is necessary to prove we meet the EPA standards. Beginning in August, we will undergo the beginning of a 30-day reliability test in order to formally take over running and management of the facility. Right now it is under the control and management of the Building Authority which is constructing the project. Once it is up and running, we will be producing 100 percent of our steam heat but 80 percent of our own electricity. We will be meeting 100 percent of our average load but not quite our peak load. This will give us significant reliability and cost effectiveness.

The Integrated Sciences Building is 85 percent constructed. We are still on target to open that for next semester. Also, if you are walking by the Mullins Center, you will see the new Recreation Center. That will be open for student use next September. There is a Transportation Center/Bus Garage across from the Mullins Center that will be complete in November. This was a good project. It was almost entirely funded through Federal earmarks in a transportation bill from Congressman Olver, which was very helpful. The Art Building, the Skinner Building, and some more buildings will be up and running in the next year.

John Cunningham, Deputy Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, stated that as of today there are 4,144 freshmen who have settled into the dormitories and classrooms and 1,185 transfer students. Both of those numbers are over the targets, so the total overage is about 200 students. This is the largest undergraduate population that we believe has ever been on campus in a fall semester. There are about 19,360 undergraduates in your courses. Deputy Provost Cunningham thanked the faculty for getting them into their courses. There were 4,000 more occupied seats this fall than in the previous fall, which was our largest effort. This indicates not only the 200 increase in students but course-taking patterns of students seem to be bending towards higher numbers of credit loads on average. Many of you have helped in creative ways to put classes in your departmental spaces or take your main campus class to the dormitories when class space is available. There is going to be a classroom study to help look at capacity and improvements of our spaces. For now, thank you for getting us off very smoothly and doing so well for our students.

Paul Kostecki, Vice Provost for Research, announced that the Economic Development Agency notified us that our EDA grant, which will be funding the UMass Amherst, Greater Springfield Partnership was awarded yesterday. That is \$200,000. That will move ahead that Partnership, and we are now scheduling an official unveiling of that sometime in October.

The Life Sciences Task Force that was convened by the system and led by Chancellor Collins presented their final report to the Board of Trustees in August. Vice Provost Kostecki was part of the panel that made that presentation and talked about where they need to go from here. It was accepted by the Trustees with great fanfare. It was a very positive experience when all was said and done, creating collaborations along the way between this campus and the Medical School especially. We will give them quite a bit of ammunition to go after the remaining money that is in that Life Science Bond Bill. Part of that Bond Bill was matching three grant programs to dealing with startups and new faculty awards. They made the awards, and the University of Massachusetts as a whole captured about five of those. This campus captured two of those. They were about \$250,000 for three years each.

Sharon Fross, Vice Provost for University Outreach, stated she wanted to let everyone know that the campus has submitted an application to the Carnegie Foundation for consideration of the newly-elective classification that is available to all classifications of institutions. It is under the category of community engagement. There were a number of faculty and members of the Faculty Senate Rules Committee working together over the course of this summer to prepare this application. It was submitted on September 1. The University will be notified by the middle of December whether it was selected for this classification. Vice Provost Fross thanked the faculty and members of the Faculty Senate Rules Committee for bringing that application together.

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary May welcomed the faculty back. It has been a moderately busy summer. The Senate did a couple of things which you will hear about either now or in the next couple of weeks. They managed to put together a final proposal for a campus policy on certificates which will allow the waiting line to proceed.

Also, there were some revisions to the honorary degree policy which have been agreed upon with the administration and will probably come up in the next meeting. Something else is coming down called MassTransfer which will upgrade and streamline the community college to four-year institution transfer policy and process. This is very complicated and granular but something that is worth doing. This is coming at us from a variety of places: the legislature, the Board of Higher Education and so forth.

Most of the Councils and Committees have already met, and that is great. There are 24 standing Councils and Committees and a few ad hoc ones, and they are busy, and they are all well-populated. With almost no exceptions, they all have excellent chairs in place and are operating right now.

3. The Faculty Delegates to the Board of Trustees

W. Brian O'Connor, Faculty Delegate to the Board of Trustees, stated he has never before seen the Trustees give a standing ovation, and they gave Interim Chancellor Thomas Cole a standing ovation at the June meeting. When the ovation stopped, Cole thanked his administration and the faculty. He also quoted Mark Twain. He said, "You have heard about the turtle on the fence. He didn't get there by himself."

In terms of the Advancement Committee, it was announced that the current endowment of the University is \$358 million. Last year's fundraising goal was \$84 million, and the University actually raised \$94 million. The goal for this year is about \$100 million. Interestingly, there was an increase of 14 percent in alumni giving. The Amherst Campus raised about \$33.5 million, which was about \$3 million above goal. At the Administration and Finance meeting, in terms of new Capital Projects, there is about \$1 billion for this campus. That includes \$95 million for the Life Sciences facility and \$50 million for swing buildings. The Trustees announced that they had passed a \$2 billion Higher Education Bond Bill with over \$1 billion coming for the University. Also, the Legislature passed the \$1 billion Life Sciences Investment Bill with over \$240 million for Capital Support to UMass. The Building Authority also borrowed \$380 million for projects at UMass.

Since 2000, the University has supported 84 percent of its total capital spending, which means a whopping 16 percent has come from the State. The fiscal year plan for 2009-2013 proposes a sharing of 69 percent of the University and a 31 percent from the State, which is obviously double of what they have been giving. Judging from what Chancellor Holub told us about his conversation with the Governor, it may not be in the near future, but let us hope.

From the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, there is some interesting data. The Trustees are always asking for the relationship of acceptances to applications. Just some key data here: from the academic years 2001-2006 on this campus, the one-year retention rate is between 80 and 86 percent, which is very high. The University should be proud of that. The reason the range is from 80 to 86 percent is the Trustees wanted it broken down to whites, minorities, Asians and all the possible ethnic groups. The six-year graduation rate is between 50 to 70 percent depending on the ethnic breakdown. Finally, as Paul Kostecki mentioned, the Trustees accepted the report of the Science, Technology and Research Committee. Incidentally, the Science, Technology and Research Committee is a new committee. It is only about four years old. It was started at the insistence of former Trustee John Armstrong. It is one of the most exciting Committees in the University because it has really stimulated the interest in science and engineering among the Trustees. That report, as Vice Provost Kostecki said, was very warmly endorsed.

Finally, on a personal note, Senator O'Connor thanked the Provost and her staff for a great convocation. It was very encouraging to see the tremendous faculty turnout, considering it was at a popular class time. Chancellor Holub gave an inspiring speech and received a standing ovation.

4. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors

Max Page, President of the Massachusetts Society of Professors, stated there were 350 people from all the unions at the meeting on Tuesday. He wanted to give a quick summary of all the challenges the union is working on.

First, the MSP, the Massachusetts Teachers Association and a whole network of groups are committed to decimating what is politely called a reckless proposal to eliminate the income tax, which is 40 percent of the State's budget. Reckless is really too gentle. It is an anti-civilization measure. If this passes, you can kiss everything that we hope for goodbye. The local and parent unions are leading the charge on that.

Second, your union is fighting for fair contracts. Bargaining began eight months ago, and there are still no formal proposals presented at the bargaining table. The Governor has proposed zero for the first six months and 2.5 percent starting in January of each of the successive years. The union considers that unacceptable. There have been four years of so-called cost-of-living increases that do not really match the real increase in the cost of living. The Governor is now asking us to take three more years where the cost of living promises to be half or a third of the real increase in the cost of living. His proposal would send the value of your pay down by nearly 10 percent by the end of those three years.

This is a nationwide problem. While faculty have been more productive—they have taught more students, won more grants and contracts, advised more students—they have not seen that result in the increase in pay. The President staff's pay has increased. Fortunately, the Board of Trustees and President Jack Wilson have the chance to make that right in the coming weeks and months. There are two things the President can do. One, he can finally become a real advocate for investing in the human infrastructure of this campus by truly lobbying the Governor for better parameters. He has preferred to focus thus far on the capital side. He, with our support, helped get the Life Sciences and Capital Bond Bill passed. Now he needs to show the faculty at Amherst he will fight as hard for them for the human infrastructure as much as for the physical infrastructure. Secondly, the Board of Trustees and the President have the power to dramatically improve these so-called parameters coming from the Governor. There is much that the University can do in terms of improving the pay increases as well as responding to other significant proposals. Our employer is the University of Massachusetts, not the Governor. The President has the obligation to bargain in good faith and negotiate and invest in the faculty and staff.

Chancellor Holub and Provost Seymour also have a significant role to play in bringing this to a successful conclusion. They can urge the President to improve his offer and respond to some of the key proposals on the table to invest in faculty and their research. We have long had a good working relationship with our employer. Hopefully, that will continue, but we are at a very difficult moment. The parameters the Governor has set are simply unacceptable. These negotiations may become far uglier before they become prettier.

President Page said he was pleased to be on the Search Committee that brought Chancellor Holub here. One of the central points that Chancellor Holub made on Friday is that to have a great university, you have to have great faculty. To recruit outstanding faculty and then retain them, you have to compensate them fairly and competitively. We will not achieve the Chancellor's dream of being in a top-tier public research university unless we close the gap between our faculty salaries and those of our peer institutions. The MSP recognizes that we are in difficult budgetary and economic times, and that is why it is pushing only for true cost-of-living increases and nothing more. To close the gap with UConn, Rutgers or Berkeley, we would need 7 percent increases for 3-5 years. This is not the moment to close that gap, but the union argues that we should at least be able to tread water and not sink further down. For the Governor to demand that the Faculty effectively take a pay cut, flies in the face of his stated commitment to investing in public higher education.

President Page wanted to make a very brief note about the 9-C cuts that everyone is hearing about. Our structural budget deficit is our own creation. We cut taxes in the 1990s to the point where we have this structural deficit. We can solve that by rolling back tax cuts such as the large corporate tax cuts that the legislature just passed two months ago or increasing other progressive taxes. While the Governor has said there is no money, there was \$70 million in tax incentives for the film industry which we have documented does not produce even \$70 million in economic activity. The point is there

are options other than the usual slicing down to nothing of our department budgets to solve this problem.

The MSP stands for two things: fair and equitable work place for all of its members and advocating on behalf of UMass Amherst and public higher education. Our contracts are usually seen as part of the former, but there is much about the latter. So much of what we fight for in these contracts are about improving the University, making salaries more competitive, getting the University to focus more resources on the research mission through an improved and flexible sabbatical policy and implementing other policies such as pre-tenure leave, professional development monies that help to retain faculty. Your union helped put forward the 250 Plan. We won parental leave and the computer replacement policy and better pay for adjuncts and lecturers, and those things have made the University a better place. When we win a fair contract, we set the better terms for all future faculty, and that only makes the University stronger.

5. The President of the Student Government Association

Malcolm Chu, President of the Student Government Association, announced that the Student Government was launching the UMass Votes Coalition tonight which he hoped would engage many students and assist in the process of ensuring that the University is well represented post election in regards to education.

Chu stated what he really wanted to talk about was something different. First, he wanted to talk about his experience at UMass. He is a senior and is truly excited about his graduation, but he is also even more enthralled by the wealth of experience he has gained over the past four years. His time at UMass has truly defined his life. It has been filled with an education that has broadened his worldview both inside and outside the classroom. His time here has been filled with the opportunity to immerse himself with some of the most amazing fellow classmates, peers, leaders, and faculty. He developed relationships which challenged his way of thinking and ones he will love and cherish for the rest of his life. Most recently, he was elected as the Student Government Association President. He has great respect and affinity for this university.

It is out of this affinity, however, that he and the students he represents are deeply troubled and distressed by what seems to be an inadequate response to the condition of one of our community members, Jason Vassell. As many of you saw on your way in, the improved condition of Jason Vassell is one that he and thousands of students have come to support. Nonetheless, Chu still has great hope. He has great hope in the Concerned Faculty for Justice which is now joining the Justice for Jason Committee and the thousands of community members across the Pioneer Valley calling for racial justice. He has great hope that this University will stand up for racial justice. Mostly, he has the greatest hope that the members of the Faculty Senate will support the efforts of the Concerned Faculty for Justice for Jason. Chu looks forward to working with faculty. He would greatly appreciate any assistance. As a student, a fellow community member and as a representative of the student body, he is calling on the University to support this effort, to get behind and take a stand as a university. It can only help Jason. This truly is out of respect and affinity for this University.

C. QUESTION PERIOD (10-Minute Limit)

Senator Richard Bogartz addressed Vice Chancellor Hatch. He stated he goes past the pink and white cement deck and the walkways surrounding the Library almost everyday. This deck granulates from day to day. There are also pockmarks and the holes. If it was done fairly recently, then either someone did not do it right or they used inferior materials. Stains also pour out on this deck from the various planters. Is there any way of holding the people who did the work responsible and getting them to repair the work, or can we put them on a list so that we never use them again? Do we have any recourse at all?

Vice Chancellor Hatch responded that she was not aware of the degree of the problem that Senator Bogartz mentioned. This is a project done through the State, through DCAM, and they held the contracts with the contractors. To the degree that there is some problem with it, we should follow-up and work with the State Office and DCAM.

D. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE RULES COMMITTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY SENATE, OVER THE SUMMER 2008

Special Report of the General Education Council concerning Recommended General Education Designations for LINGUIST 390C and 390D, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-034 with Motion No. 36-08.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate affirm the actions taken by the Rules Committee over the
01-09 Summer 2008, as listed on this agenda, Item D.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

E. ELECTIONS

1. One At-Large Member of the Rules Committee

Nominees: Donna Zucker, School of Nursing
Shaw Ling Hsu, Polymer Science and Engineering

Arthur Kinney, from the Department of English, was nominated from the floor.
Donna Zucker was elected as At-Large Member of the Rules Committee.

2. Chair of the Rules Committee

To be nominated from among the four At-Large Rules Committee members.

Maurianne Adams, Retired Professor, nominated Senator John McCarthy. Senator McCarthy is known to many as a distinguished university professor, a fellow of the American Academy of Art and Sciences, and a Chancellor's Medal awardee. In nominating Senator McCarthy, Adams noted McCarthy's commitment to public higher education, which he has demonstrated through his longtime effectiveness as a member and as a chair of the General Education Council. During this past year, the Rules Committee has drawn upon his insight, his good judgment and his knowledge of higher education, both nationally and on this campus. He has a wise head and a steady hand.

John McCarthy was elected Chair of the Rules Committee by acclamation.

Secretary May offered his thanks to Professor Adams for being a superb chair of the Rules Committee over the past year. She has a way of managing difficult issues of language and communication and has a great sensitivity to matters of diversity and inclusiveness, which gave a special character to the proceedings this year. He offered tremendous thanks and best wishes on her retirement. She will be teaching part-time next semester, but she is retiring from the University.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Certificates, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-001 with Motion No. 02-09

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate receive the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on
02-09 Certificates, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-001.

Professor Adams stated there was a discussion on certificates last year when the Ad Hoc Committee was formed. There were a number of very interesting undergraduate and graduate certificates that were in queue for approval but dated policies and restrictions prevented the Senate from considering these certificates for approval. The Senate put together an ad hoc committee for faculty and administration that included members from the major councils that would be involved in this decision making process. Associate Provost Bryan Harvey and Adams co-chaired that group, and they met six times during the past spring to consider the best practices of other campuses. Adams and Harvey tried to include the nuisances in this document so that faculty would understand their thinking. Rather than reviewing the document today, they would like Faculty Senate to receive it. Hopefully, it will

then go quickly through a discussion process in the relevant councils: the Graduate Council, the Academic Matters Council, and the Program and Budget Council.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Amendments to the Principles of Association of the University of Massachusetts Intercampus Faculty Council, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-014A with Motion No. 11-01.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate ratify the amended Principles of Association of the University of Massachusetts Intercampus Faculty Council, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 93-027A, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-014A.
11-01

Secretary May stated the Council is a semi-formal association which meets after Trustee meetings. It consists of three representatives of governance on each of the five campuses and is a coordinating group among the faculty senates in the five campus system.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

2. Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nomination to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-030B with Motion No. 32-08.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-030B.
32-08

Senator Marilyn Billings presented the motion with an amendment to include Clement Seldin from the School of Education to serve on the Undergraduate Education Council and Cindy Suopis from University Without Walls to serve as an at-large member of the Academic Matters Council.

The motion was seconded and adopted as amended.

The 676th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:48 p.m. on September 18, 2008.

The proceedings of this meeting are available on audiotape in the Faculty Senate Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest D. May
Secretary of the Faculty Senate