I. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

“THE NORTH PLEASANT STREET CORRIDOR”

PANEL

Moderator: Roger Rideout, Chair, Campus Physical Planning Committee

Presenters: Jim Cahill, Director of Facilities and Campus Planning
Patrick Daly, Director, Physical Plant

(10 Minutes)

Respondents: Barbara O’Connor, Chief of Police
Bryan Harvey, Associate Provost, Academic Planning and Assessment
W. Brian O’Connor, Department Head, Biology
Jack Ahern, Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning
Stephen Schreiber, Department of Art

A PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation is available at:

QUESTIONS (10 Minutes)

II. REGULAR MEETING

A. ANNUAL REPORT


The report was received.

B. NEW COURSES

There are no reports associated with the following motions:

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MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the course POLISCI 399, as recommended by the 16-08 Academic Matters Council.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

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<td>GEO-SCI 501</td>
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MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the course GEO-SCI 501, as recommended by the 17-08 Academic Matters and Graduate Councils.

The motion was seconded and adopted.
C. NEW BUSINESS

Standing Requirements to Stockbridge Students returning under the "Fresh Start" Policy,
as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-021 with Motion No. 18-08.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the addition of the above-stated provision to the existing
"Fresh Start" policy (Academic Regulation III-K) as a set specific for eligible Stockbridge
students returning to the University after an absence of at least three years, as presented in
Sen. Doc. No. 08-021.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

2. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Changing the Name for the B.S.
in Human Nutrition to the B.S. in Nutrition, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-022 with
Motion No. 19-08.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve changing the name for the B.S. in Human Nutrition to the
B.S. in Nutrition, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-022.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

3. Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning The Peace, Justice, and
Sustainability Program in Kibbutz Lotan, Israel, sponsored by Living Routes, as presented
in Sen. Doc. No. 08-023 with Motion No. 20-08.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Peace, Justice, and Sustainability Program in Kibbutz
Lotan, Israel, sponsored by Living Routes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-023.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers

Charlena Seymour, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated that the
General Education Task Force and Maurianne Adams, the Chair of the Rules Committee,
attended the AAC+U conference. Members of the campus helped put it together. In the
future, the Faculty Senate will hear more from the General Education Task Force. They are
doing an excellent job at looking at the guiding principles and structural needs of General
Education. Provost Seymour also stated that she hoped faculty would attend the Center for
Teaching dinner and celebration.

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, mentioned that, at the next meeting there will be
a Committee of the Whole presentation led by Bryan Harvey. Part of the presentation will
be tied to the NEASC reaccreditation study; part of it will be a response to a resolution
regarding the University's flagship status.

Later in the semester there will be a presentation on the University’s possible application to
achieve status as a Carnegie Engaged Institution. This will document and recognize the
University’s outreach and engaged scholarship efforts. Also, as the Provost mentioned, the
Joint Task Force on General Education is hard at work, and the Ad Hoc Committee on
Certificates is about to get started.
3. The Faculty Delegates to the Board of Trustees

W. Brian O'Connor, Faculty Delegate to the Board of Trustees, stated there were three Board subcommittee meetings on Monday. The first meeting was the Committee on Science, Technology and Research. Paul Kostecki’s Clean Energy Committee made a report, and there was discussion about Deval Patrick’s $1 billion stem cell, biology initiative.

The 10:00 meeting of the Advancement Committee was postponed. At 12:00, the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met. There are four Doctorate of Nursing Practice programs at four other campuses. The Worcester campus proposal was approved. The Lowell and the Boston campus requests were deferred. Faculty Delegate O’Connor stated he initially thought the MDs and trustees were opposed to letting DNPs get involved with the U.S. health care problem and stated he now believes there is a lack of information regarding the health care problem in this country.

The trustees did accept the resolution drafted on this campus by administrators, faculty, and the Research Council. The resolution presents Amherst as a flagship campus. There are meetings on Wednesday morning, and then the full Board will meet during spring break to discuss the student fee increase.

4. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors

Steven Brewer, Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors, stated there is $100,000 in $1,000 increments available for computer replacement funding. The application form is available at the Provost’s website. Although the deadline is today, there will be another $100,000 available next year.

The Governor is planning to raise health insurance premiums from 15 to 25 percent. This represents a $1,400 take back over the course of a year. Faculty may want to contact the Governor’s Office or local representatives. Senator Brewer stated that health care increases are at a much greater rate than the rate of inflation.

Lastly, approximately 150 people attended a PHENOM (Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts) rally at the State House. Having an organization such as PHENOM helps senators and representatives show that people are unified about the goals for higher education in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Society of Professors would like 10,000 people to attend a rally on April 16th. They are coordinating transportation with the University, trying to find ways to encourage staff to participate.

E. QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Roland Chilton stated that, at the last Faculty Senate meeting, he addressed a question to the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Since neither was at the meeting, John Dubach carried the question to the Chancellor. John Dubach also sent a response to Senator Chilton through e-mail.

The brief message stated there is no overall policy when a student is charged with an assault on another student. There is an ad hoc procedure, taken up one case at a time. The message also assured Chilton that the administration was doing the best it could.

This prompted another question, which Senator Chilton addressed to the Chair of the Rules Committee: is the recent placement of the question period at the end of the agenda an indication that the Rules Committee has lost sight of the importance of allowing members of the University community to ask questions of and getting answers from campus administrators? Is the placement of the announcements section at the end, just before the question period, a reaction to the inability or unwillingness of principal administrative officers to attend and participate in Faculty Senate meetings?
Senator Chilton stated he asked these questions because he thought Faculty Senate leadership had a responsibility to inform new administrators of the importance of shared governance and the great advantages that come with active participation in the Senate’s public meetings.

Maurianne Adams, Chair of the Rules Committee, stated they would discuss the issue at the Rules Committee meeting tomorrow morning and have an answer at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Secretary May responded that there was a question period with active participation following the Committee of the Whole presentation. Jim Cahill, Pat Daly, and Joyce Hatch were here to answer questions. The general question period was then pushed to the bottom of the agenda in order to get business done.

Senator O’Connor stated, from his experience, the Rules Committee attempts to improve attendance by experimenting with the placement of the question and answer period, inserting it either at the beginning or the end of the agenda.

Provost Seymour stated that the administration respects and wants to engage in shared governance. She places all Faculty Senate meetings on her schedule. However, responsibilities and demands on administrators’ time have changed. Sometimes people who are in distress call or come into the office unexpectedly. Donors or trustees also call or stop by with questions. It is regretful that it appears that administrators do not want to come to Faculty Senate meetings. That is not true. Provost Seymour stated the meetings are extremely informative. There are many different reasons for absences, but they are not due to avoidance.

Senator Richard Bogartz stated that people come to Faculty Senate meetings when there is some sort of conflict or real difference that matters. The ordinary, garden-variety business of the Faculty Senate is boring.

Senator Brewer asked John Dubach for clarification regarding a new policy. The policy states that departments should report all computers, Mac and IP addresses that have sensitive information on them by January 15. Senator Brewer and the technical staff at a meeting this morning were unclear about this policy and asked what constituted sensitive information.

John Dubach, Chief Information Officer and Special Assistant to the Chancellor, stated that although Senator Brewer received the memo from Dubach, he is not the campus expert on this policy. The policy was triggered by a Massachusetts General Law regarding identity theft and other confidential information. Dubach stated that the Office only wants the Campus to be aware of the policy and take every possible step to secure sensitive information. Under the law, the University has the responsibility to respond to a detected break-in in a certain amount of time, which is why the campus is attempting to gather this information. Since the law has been passed, three academic departments have come forward, and the University had to make a determination as to whether it was serious enough to inform the parties involved.

The 670th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:50 p.m. on February 28, 2008.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest D. May
Secretary of the Faculty Senate