Due to a technical error in the ECHO lecture capture system recording this meeting, these minutes are incomplete.

Presiding Officer Richard Bogartz called the 739th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on May 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall, Room 227 and commenced the meeting by reading a haiku by Basho.

Furuike ya
kawazu tobikamu
mizu no oto

Literal translation:

Fu-ru (old) i-ke (pond) ya
ka-wa-zu (frog) to-bi-ka-mu (jumping into)
mi-zu (water) no o-to (sound)

Translation by Fumiko Saisho:

The old pond,
A frog jumps in.
Plop!

A. UPDATE FROM THE JOINT TASK FORCE ON STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT (JTFSO)
   NANCY COHEN, BRYAN HARVEY AND AMILCAR SHABAZZ, CO-CHAIRS
   “GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR UNIT PLANNING”
   (QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW)


MOVED: That the Faculty Senate receive the additional reports of the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight on the subjects of “What Defines a UMass Amherst Undergraduate Education?,” “Research and Graduate Education: Potential Areas of Research Focus,” and “Outreach and Community Engagement” that elaborate on points in the Phase I report; that it receive the report summarizing the efforts undertaken under Phase II of the Strategic Planning Process; and that it endorse the JTFSO’s conclusion that together the Phase I and Phase II documents provide effective guidance for the unit planning to be undertaken in Phase III. The Faculty Senate recognizes and applauds the fact that the strategic planning process has continued to be marked by collaboration among faculty, students, staff, and administration and it looks forward to continued collaboration as the campus moves into Phase III of the planning process during academic year 2014-15.

(This motion was tabled from the 738th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate and will be voted on at this meeting.)

The motion was adopted.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers
2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, announced that there will be one open position on the Rules Committee in the fall.

3. The Chair of the Rules Committee
4. The Faculty Delegates to the Board of Trustees
5. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors
6. The President of the Graduate Student Senate
7. The President of the Student Government Association
8. The Student Trustee

**Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate,** moved to suspend the Rules in order to read letters of appreciation for three members of the Faculty Senate community who are leaving their current posts.

The motion was seconded and adopted and the following letters were read:

The Faculty Senate expresses its deep appreciation to Provost James Staros for his leadership, energy, dedication and unfailing support for UMass Amherst during his term as Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. His term as Provost has been distinguished by signature achievements and accomplishments that will provide an enduring legacy. Among these, we count:

- the expansion of campus tenure-track faculty ranks from 972 to a projected size of more than 1050 in Fall of 2014—the largest tenure-track faculty size since 1996;
- the introduction of team based learning (TBL) strategies and other active learning approaches to dramatically enhance student engagement and learning, and a new academic classroom building centered on TBL;
- the unwavering support for the Commonwealth Honors College, and the development and realization of the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community;
- a dramatic improvement in student graduation outcomes, with the six-year graduation rate rising from 66% to 73% (with yet additional increases anticipated);
- an increase in undergraduate enrollments by over 1,000, contemporaneously with a marked increase in the quality of incoming students, as reflected in GPA and SAT scores, which are up by nearly 40 points.

The Faculty Senate warmly welcomes Provost Staros back to faculty ranks, and wishes him success in all his future endeavors. We honor him for what he has done and what he will continue to do.

* The Faculty Senate expresses its gratitude for Joel Martin’s dedicated and distinguished service in two pivotal administrative positions—Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts from 2007 to 2010, and, since 2010, as Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Dean of the Faculty. At CHFA, Joel launched a number of initiatives in support of faculty research, including a College IT program, the Research Intensive Semester for pre-tenure faculty, funding for travel, book subvention, and pre-sabbatical planning, grants for entrepreneurial programs, and the Digital Humanities Initiative. In his current role, he has overseen nearly 200 tenure-stream searches which have led to greater racial and ethnic diversity and gender balance within the faculty. He also designed the Exceptional Merit Program, which has awarded salary increases to nearly 200 faculty members. The campus has benefitted greatly from his efforts, and we wish him all the best as he assumes the position of Provost at Franklin and Marshall College.

* As he completes his term on the Rules Committee, the Faculty Senate offers its deep appreciation to Professor Ralph Whitehead for his many contributions, marked by exceptional political acumen, strategic thinking, and more than 40 years of unfailing support for UMass Amherst. His long experience in political circles in Boston and Washington, as well as in western Massachusetts and on the UMass Amherst campus, make the quality of his contributions unique. Among these contributions, we count:

- Service on numerous Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, including the Rules Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on FBS Football, the Program and Budget Council, the Ad Hoc Committee on System Performance and System Structure, the Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Oversight, and the Nominating Committee;
- A dedicated commitment to the teaching and research missions of UMass Amherst since joining the faculty in 1973, including fellowships at the American Political Science Association and the Center for Public Policy Study at the University of Chicago, and publication in widely read and prestigious outlets; and
- Distinction as a thoughtful and active public voice for the continued success of UMass Amherst.

The Faculty Senate honors Professor Whitehead for all that he has done and all that he will continue to do.
E. MOTION OF THANKS

MOVED: That the University of Massachusetts Amherst Faculty Senate confer upon Thomas Lindeman 42-14 Honorary Membership (non-voting) with such rights and privileges as having the right to address the Faculty Senate, being included in the Attendance Roster, having his picture added to the PowerPoint slide show at the beginning of Faculty Senate meetings, and such other rights and privileges as may be added by the Faculty Senate at some future time.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

F. ELECTION

PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Nominee: Richard Bogartz, Psychological and Brain Sciences

(Further nominations will be accepted from the floor.)

A motion to close nominations was seconded and adopted.

Senator Richard Bogartz was elected by acclamation.

G. NEW COURSES (Consent Agenda – One motion covers the approval of all proposed courses.)

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MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the courses CAT 110, 120, 246, 311, 321, 378 and 520, CHEM-ENG 578, CLASSICS 338 and 339, CMPSCI 345 and 631, EDUC 630, 750, 794E and 891N, GREEK 460 and 465, HONORS 201, NRC 270, PORTUG 470 and SPANISH 356 and 432, as recommended by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils.
The motion was adopted.

H. NEW BUSINESS


MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revisions to the Bachelor of Science Program in Animal Science, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-041.

The motion was adopted.


MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revisions to the Accounting Major, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-042.

The motion was adopted.

3. Special Report of the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils concerning a Five-Year Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design/Sustainable Community Development and Master of Regional Planning, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-043 with Motion No. 46-14.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Five-Year Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design/Sustainable Community Development and Master of Regional Planning, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-043.

The motion was adopted.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Minor in Catalan Studies, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-044 with Motion No. 47-14.

The motion was adopted.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Arts Management Certificate, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-045 with Motion No. 48-14.

The motion was adopted.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Certificate in Spanish and Health, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-046 with Motion No. 49-14.

The motion was adopted.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Ph.D. in Education, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-047. 50-14

The motion was adopted.

8. Special Report of the Nominating Committee concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-048 with Motion No. 51-14.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, 51-14 as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 14-048.

Senator Marilyn Billings moved to amend the proposal to add two additional faculty members to the Program and Budget Council: Anthony Paik from Sociology and Giles Vonsattel from Music and Dance.

The amendment passed and the motion was adopted as amended.

The 739th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:43 p.m. on May 8, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest D. May
Secretary of the Faculty Senate