

IFC Meeting Minutes

UMass Lowell, September 21, 2016

Attendees: Leslie Shaw, Robert Weinstein, Robert Lublin, Marilyn Billings, Michael Graves, Lisa Abdallah, Susan Whitbourne, Stephen Johnson, Doug Roscoe, M.J. Peterson

Meeting called to order at 10:20AM.

Approved minutes from June 15, 2016 IFC meeting.

Faculty representation on the Board of Trustees (BoT).

- a) At the previous meeting the question of how to proceed was not resolved and this was continued by e-mail after the meeting.
- b) Susan met with Chancellor Subbaswamy and he indicated she should speak with Marcie Williams.
- c) Marcie Williams indicated that faculty representation would require a change in Massachusetts' law. She was trying to set up a phone call with President Meehan.
- d) Susan then spoke with Deirdre Heatwole (University General Counsel) who indicated that the legislature would have to vote but there was nothing stopping the faculty from asking for representation on the BoT committees immediately.
- e) Representatives from Boston and Lowell have also spoken with their Chancellors.
- f) Susan will report back after talking with President Meehan.

Discussed how the IFC should move forward toward the goal of representation.

- a) Determine what peer institutions do with regard to faculty and BoT representation.
- b) Have informal conversations with Chancellors, President Meehan, Trustees
- c) Ask to have the things that the BoT representatives NEED to do their jobs as BoT representatives addressed: Hotel reservations, parking (needs vs. wants).
- d) Ask to have a reception after the Committee of the Whole to have the opportunity to mingle with the Trustees.
- e) Identified order of priorities: 1) Logistics (see "c"); 2) Committee representation; 3) Direct Board membership

Report from UMass Dartmouth

1. Chancellor search

- a) Search started late.
- b) Faculty are worried about having a good pool of candidates.
- c) Doug Roscoe has helped get 3 faculty members on the search committee.
- d) The goal is to have a national search for someone who has academic experience and not just a political hire.

2. Law School

- a) There has been discussion about removing the Law School from Dartmouth campus to become a University expense, not a Dartmouth expense.

3. Budget Model

- a) Move to control finances at the college and school level. The Deans are more involved in decisions.

4. Education Advisory Board

- a) Student Success Collaborative for identifying at-risk students.
- b) This is expensive and not being used widely.
- c) Make accommodations for students who need extra time or assistance.
- d) All campuses have different ways to deal with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35PM.