

INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL Minutes
Worcester March 14, 2007

Present: *Amherst* - M. Billings, A. Kinney, E. May, B. O'Connor, *Boston* - N. Ashkafi, L. Tirrell
Dartmouth - P.Gibbs *Lowell* -M. Carter *Worcester* - J. Cooke

The minutes of the November 8, 2006 were accepted as read

A general discussion was held about development of programs for each UMass campus

- The curriculum mission for each campus is to identify resources for new programs that have come from strategic decisions
- UMass Board of Trustees is the financial overseers, especially for expensive programs
- Industry relations may enhance liberal arts preparation
- Faculty make effective decisions based on need and demand
- Faculty relate to the climate of the school to get resources

Reports from campuses

Lowell

- A new chancellor has just been appointed (at this BOT meeting) Marty Meehan
- The yield for freshman enrollment fall 2007 is lower than usual

Boston

- A strategic planning process is underway. The process is interactive. Appointed by the Chancellor, 1/5 of the taskforce is faculty with a faculty member and an administrator, as co-chairs. Expected completion is June 30.
- Provost is receiving a fifth year review. He has waived access the electronic comment. The electronic process should facilitate openness and anonymity and invite a variety of responses. The opportunity for reform is uncertain.

Dartmouth

- The Provost has begun a strategic planning process based on the information gathered in the previous strategic planning process
- Bargaining unit negotiations have not begun. The bargaining units negotiation committees have notified the administration several times that they are ready to begin but no response from the administration.

Worcester

- A search for a Dean is being conducted
- A new faculty representative to the UMass Board of Trustees is being sought

Amherst

- The 250 plan (to replace faculty lost to early retirement) is on track. There has been a net increase of 12 faculty after one year of effort.
- The 250 plan had nearly been suspended because of infrastructure concerns
- The academic calendar may be revised

Respectfully submitted, Paige Gibbs-secretary

