

INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL Minutes

Dartmouth, May 25, 2005

Present: *Amherst* –E. May, B. O'Connor, *Boston* – N. Ashkafi, L. Tirrell Dartmouth – P. Bacdayan, E. Fisher, D. Georgiana, P. Gibbs, S. Krumholz *Lowell* –M. Carter

E. May called the meeting to order at 11:30

President's remarks

The Inaugural Gala/UMass Pops event was a success. Several prominent politicians attended.

The legislative prospect for Massachusetts public higher education is promising. There will be more legislative emphasis on higher education now that the legislative emphasis on K-12 public education is concluding. A PAC has been created for Massachusetts public higher education.

Enrollment issues will continue.

The changing environment of higher education presents challenges to faculty governance. Each campus governance body is responsible for the curriculum content offered by that conference. The following links are to the UMA Faculty Senate document about issues and review of courses offered in an electronic environment

http://www.umass.edu/senate/adhoc/online_report_summary.pdf

http://www.umass.edu/senate/adhoc/online_report_full.pdf

A primary concern for all campuses is certificates for programs offered without approval by a faculty governance body. A similar issue is Administrative Agencies (usually but not always non profit organizations) offering internship or other experience for degree credit. The degree granting facility is usually sponsored by a faculty member interested in the topic. Across the U.S.A. such programs are more and more being given credit bearing authority for only a specified period. The IFC President urged each campus faculty governance body to establish a council for administrative agencies

There was an informal discussion about a proposed IFC website. Since the IFC is a function of the UMass President's office Ernie will ask for a spot on the President's website

Dartmouth

- The search for a permanent Provost has been delayed. The current interim Provost is expected to remain for another year.
- The Master's degree for Public Policy application may undergo faculty governance review soon. The Faculty Senate is monitoring the situation.
- The faculty bargaining unit and faculty governance are delineating and clarifying their roles.
- A sign-off form to track program and degree approval in a timely fashion has been developed and adopted by faculty governance.
- The faculty contract has been settled and awaits faculty ratification.
- The President of the UMD Faculty Federation proposed that the IFC host a workshop on faculty governance led by the UMA Faculty Senate.

Lowell

- The review of the Chancellor has been completed
- No management changes at this time
- There is a lack of clerical support
- The faculty contract has been ratified

Boston

- There is heightened racial tension among students and administration
- Online courses present issues for quality and faculty governance
- Continuing Education is expanding its offering of courses and this brings faculty governance concerns

Amherst

- Ongoing searches for Deans and Associate Chancellors
- The Chancellor is launching a “250 Plan” to hire 250 faculty members in the next three years.
- The infrastructure remains a concern
- Departments remain depleted of faculty and morale is low
- The Chancellor is encouraging department chairs to compare their departments with peer institutions
- Deans are preparing proposals for replacing faculty. Faculty governance will review the related data and documents

Respectfully submitted, Paige Gibbs-Secretary