

INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL Minutes
Lowell 19 June 2013

Present: *Amherst* – Rick Adrion, Ernie May *Boston* – Lynne Tirrell, *Dartmouth* – Steven White *Lowell* – Eve Buzawa, Michael Carter *Worcester* - Robert Weinstein, Leslie Shaw

Guest: M. J. Peterson

The meeting was convened at 11:45 am with each attendee introducing themselves

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

The election of IFC officers for the forthcoming year resulted in the unanimous approval of Ernie May as chair and Steven White as secretary.

The IFC officially acknowledged the service of Bob Weinstein and Rick Adrion both of whom were attending their final IFC meeting. Their consistent representation of their campuses at the system level has been appreciated.

Campus Reports

Amherst

- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life, Jean Kim is moving on. Enku Gelaye is serving as the Interim
- The Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement and Athletic Director positions are up for five year review.
- A \$95 million grant for the Life Sciences Institute/Initiative has been awarded
- The Joint Task Force for Strategic Oversight has been reinstated. An inclusive strategic planning process has begun.
- The Chancellor is attending town meetings in an effort to strengthen ties especially with regard to student housing
- Processes and procedures for hiring are under review
- A search is underway for the new CIO.
- Construction abounds

Boston

- Construction is moving along smoothly
- Influx of a significant investment in infrastructure and transportation for the area
- Provost review completed. Provost renewed.
- Two new colleges: Honors College and the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development. The question of how to assure faculty representation on the Faculty Council remains.
- Public Safety closed the campus for one day in response to the Boston Marathon bombings

Campus Reports (continued)

Dartmouth

- The new Provost is Mohammed Karim
- Renee Buisson is hired to be the Assistant Chancellor of Marketing (new position)
- Angappa Gunasekaran (internal candidate) is the newly appointed Dean of the Charlton College of Business
- The ESU case to the NLRB has been resolved in favor of the union. All Assistant Dean positions on campus are in unit.
- Department chairpersons were asked to complete Department Challenge Goals to establish metrics and measures for performance
- The strategic planning process for the campus was initiated in June.

Lowell

- Contract negotiations with department chairpersons are underway
- An emphasis on international partnerships (research and students) has been communicated to the faculty
- Lowell is opening a campus in Haverhill
- A new engineering dean has been appointed: Joseph Hartman
- Newly established Associate Dean positions exist
- An athletic fee is being added to student fees in order to support the move to all D1 sports
- State appropriations are expected to increase
- President Caret has approved enrollment targets

Worcester

- The \$425 million Sherman Center opened in April. Several departments moved in.
- The Provost 5 year review is complete and the Provost has been renewed based on excellent performance
- A Research Space Advisory Committee will assess/balance research and space
- The revised Governance Document is going to vote in the Faculty Council in July.
- The incoming Vice Chair is the first faculty member from Nursing to serve as an officer on the Faculty Council

Adjournment at 1:20 pm

Respectfully submitted, Steven White - secretary