



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
THE FOUNDING CAMPUS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

President's Boardroom, 14th floor, Saratoga Building
February 18, 2015 (Wednesday)

MINUTES

In attendance: Dr. Nina Trocky, President; Dr. Sarah Michel, Vice President; Dr. Isabelita Rambob, Secretary; Dr. Toni Antalis, Dr. Amber Beitelshees, Dr. Michael Bond, Dr. Charlotte Bright, Mr. Stephen Carney, Dr. Karen Clark, Dr. Alex Drohat, Dr. Jeanne Geiger-Brown, Mr. Michael Greenberger, Ms. Patricia Hinegardner, Dr. Norbert Myslinski, Dr. Kristin Watson, Dr. Larry Weiss, Dr. David Williams, Dr. Guofeng Xie.

Guests in Attendance: Ms. Jennifer Aumiller, Mr. Pete Gilbert, Ms. Carol McKissick, Mr. Spencer Todd.

Staff: Camilla Kyewaah

12:06: Call to order - President Nina Trocky

1. Review of January Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – Approved with changes.

2. Elections – Isabel Rambob

- Check/verify vacancies in schools;
- Make faculty aware of nominations/elections;
- Elections scheduled to be finalized April-May;
- Electronic voting has been updated;

3. Faculty Senate Presence – All (Ask a Faculty Senator Guideline & Weekly Elm)

- Michael Greenberger is taking the lead on how to handle/navigate sensitive issues that may arise from faculty using “Ask the Senator” link. Once feedback is available it will be shared with the faculty senate.
- Elm Weekly posting will increase faculty senate visibility.
 - Posting criteria: maximum of 250 characters message and it must be submitted by 4pm one week prior to the intended posting date.

4. Committee Report

CUSF-Karen Clark

- USM was cut \$40,000,000 due to lower than expected state revenues. Now more than ever before we need to be visible and we need to lobby our representatives. Faculty members have been asked to send a letter to their local representatives to make the case that in order to offer quality public education it requires their financial commitment and support. Dr. Clark will email a CUSF template letter of introduction that faculty could send to their representatives.
- Southern Maryland and Cecil Community Colleges are currently seeking approval from a petition they presented to offer a 4yr BSN program/degree at their institutions.

- Shared Governance- ongoing discussions on how to implement, maintain, and evaluate shared governance System wide.
- Sexual misconduct and how faculty should respond to it. There is currently a law (in states like Virginia) that Maryland is looking to enforce where faculty is required to report to the police if a student discloses being a victim of sexual misconduct.

5. New Business

System & Campus Budget –Pete Gilbert

- FY2015-Mid-Year reduction: University System of Maryland (USM) had a reduction of \$ 40M from the state budget. More specifically UMB was affected by 6.9M reduction, which represented 3.2% of overall USM reduction. UMB has to save \$ 6.9M in ½ year through: canceling/delaying maintenance and placing a hiring freeze on state funded positions. Each school in the campus must submit a Short Term (2015) & Permanent (2016) plan to release the hiring freeze that is now in place.
- FY 2015 – No Furlough or Mid-year Tuition Increase
- FY 2016 Tuition increase might occur.
- COLA & Merit Increases – Governor & Legislature decision TBD
- Targeted reductions will allow the university to maintain critical functions. (e.g. if different schools are teaching similar programs/classes there may be a way for them to partner and offer one unified class, and consolidation of redundant administrative services)
- Layoffs have not been presented as an option at this point.
- Pete Gilbert will attend a faculty senate meeting during the spring to provide further updates.

6. Announcements

- Biomedical Workforce/Middle States Accreditation – Jenn Aumiller
 - Senators were asked to review and complete the “Questions for Faculty Senate from Middle Stated Accreditation, workgroup 3: Subcommittee 3- Standard “ form. The form was sent to all members via email as well.
 - Questionnaire is due to Jenn Aumiller before March 1st.
- Building Security Survey & M.S in Law Degree Program – UMB/UMCP – Michael Greenberger
 - M.S in Law Degree Program – UMB/UMCP: the Master of Science in Law (MSL) is a new degree for professionals who want to know more about the intersection of law and regulation with the technical, scientific or administrative demands of their chosen fields. There are 5 areas of concentration in this program: Crisis Management, Cybersecurity, Environment Law, Health Care Law and Patent Law. The program is structured to be completed in 2 years.
 - Building Security Survey: a survey was sent out about the campus safety meeting with chief Williams. There has been collaboration with campus security to develop a standard protocol of essential functions during emergency situations.
- Laurel College Center- Nina Trocky
 - The School of Nursing, RN-BSN option, will begin to offer classes at the Laurel College Center fall 2015. Approval for the off site location was granted by MHEC last fall.
- T. Still University-David Williams
 - This university has applied to open a satellite campus in Maryland offering Medical and Dental Programs.

1:05 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Isabel Rambob, Faculty Senate Secretary;
Ms. Camilla Kyewaah, Staff Secretary