

Faculty Assembly – Draft Minutes
February 15, 2011
11:00 am
Library Auditorium

- I. Dr. Mark Williams called the meeting to order at 11:10 am
- II. Approve the minutes of the December meeting
 - a. The Faculty Assembly minutes were approved with no changes
- III. Reports
 - a. CUSF - Dr. Bill Chapin
 - i. There is a committee in the University System of Maryland that is looking at a buyout plan for faculty.
 - ii. Other state employees were offered a buyout plan that consisted of a \$15,000 lump sum payment.
 - iii. Could take several years to implement this process if it is offered for faculty.
 - b. Dr. Chapin and Dr. Robert Johnson attended a meeting in Bowie on shared governance on campuses. Central administration of the university system may be asking faculty on different campuses to comment on shared governance on their campus.
 - c. Question was raised as to what CUSF meant
 - i. Council of University System Faculty
 - ii. Statewide council for all UMD system
 - iii. Members of the committee:
 1. Dr. Robert Johnson
 2. Dr. Emmanuel Onyeozili
 3. Dr. Bill Chapin
 - d. Dr. Chapin was asked to share information he provided at UMES Senate meeting
 - i. President of MD Senate proposing College Park become independent
 - ii. Recommendation from the Legislative Budget Analysis Group
 1. Remove budget from Central Admin (Adelphi)
 - a. Each campus would then need to contribute to central admin
 - iii. Governor's budget proposes
 1. A 5% reduction of budget for university system
 2. MHEC should be removed and university system should be under the MD Board of Education
 - e. Question from Dr. Parker (PA Program) about the budget and making sure the legislature is aware of UMES' needs
 - i. Dr. Chapin discussed that the university system have lobbyists to work on the UMD system's behalf
 - ii. They work to get the needs of all campuses met

IV. Old Business

- a. Dr. Robert Johnson spoke with the Athletic director (Keith Davidson) about Homecoming events
 - i. Wanted to get information about faculty involvement in homecoming
 - ii. If interested e-mail Dr. Johnson if you are interested in getting together for homecoming

V. New Business

- a. Dr. Mark Williams attended a workshop run by Middle States in January
 - i. Topic of workshop was student assessment
 - ii. When UMES comes up for reaccreditation, student assessment will take a larger role in the process
 - iii. Dr. Williams brought the statement of academic freedom from the workshop to the Faculty Assembly for discussion
 - iv. Dr. Williams read the statement of Academic Freedom (see agenda)
 - v. The statement is a contract between students and faculty about what will be taught in a class

VI. Announcements

- a. Dr. Mollett posed a question to all faculty regarding the ability of students to get textbooks from the bookstore and wants to know what we can do about this since he has many students who still do not have the textbook for his classes
 - i. Comments that it seems the bookstore ignores the class size list and reduces the order based on the class size listed in Hawkweb
 1. This can be misleading because some students do not enroll until the first day of classes
 2. We should make a statement to the bookstore assuring them that faculty are not inflating the number of students in a course
 - ii. Publishers will only sell newer editions of books and will not sell older editions even if that is what we are still using
 - iii. Students are also buying books online and may not be buying from the bookstore
 - iv. Bookstore should post the information about the books for each class including title, ISBN and price
 - v. Library offers a short term solution of library reserves. Can put textbook on course reserve for all students to use
 - vi. Question was posed about students on financial aid and if they are required to purchase books only from the bookstore?

1. They are not required to purchase from bookstore but if money is put on their HawkCard they can only purchase in person
 2. Students on athletic scholarship get books from bookstore
- vii. Dr. Williams suggested that as representative of the Faculty Assembly we send a letter to the bookstore noting our comments and concerns with access to textbooks
 - viii. Since Dr. Mollett brought issue up he was asked to work with Dr. Williams in drafting the letter
 - ix. Faculty please send comments to Dr. Williams or Dr. Mollett
 - x. Vote was taken by body to send letter to President, VP for Academic Affairs and bookstore regarding the Faculty Assembly's concerns. Vote passed.
- b. Dr. Mollett brought up issues with parking for faculty and staff
- i. Discussion took place regarding the fact that we have plenty of parking but students are parking in areas that they are not authorized too.
 - ii. Parking enforcement is happening and tickets are being written but they need to do it consistently
 - iii. Certain lots (by Kiah, by Library, by Wilson) have been designated faculty/staff 24/7 only
 - iv. Need to see existing rules enforced
 - v. Any additional issues should be addressed to Dr. Cooledge, Chair of Parking Committee for UMES Senate

VII. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

Attendees:

Name	Department
Joseph Bree	Library
Bill Chapin	Math & Computer Science/CUSF
Jeffery Molavi	Technology
Mark Williams	Math & Computer Science
Sanjay Gayakwad	Pharmacy
Peter Stanford	Physician Assistant
Linda Trotman	Physician Assistant
Theresa Dadson	Library
Carla Kotsifakis	Physician Assistant
Donna Parker	Physician Assistant
Joseph Beatus	Physical Therapy
Maryam Rahimi	Rehabilitation
Bessie Green	Agriculture
Marvella Rounds	Library
Victoria Volkis	Natural Sciences
Cynthia Nyirenda	Library
Ted Mollett	Agriculture
Donna Satterlee	Human Ecology
Payam Matin	Engineering & Aviation Sciences
Eddie Boyd	Math & Computer Science
Robert Johnson	Math & Computer Science
Mohammad Ali	Business
David Alston	Social Sciences
Satish Penmatsa	Math & Computer Science
Uche Udeochu	Natural Sciences
Theresa Mastrodonato	Library