

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
THE FACULTY SENATE**

MINUTES: Presiding Officer Frank Hugus called the 584th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate to order on Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Ernest May made a motion to suspend the rules in order to hear remarks from Chancellor David Scott.

This motion was seconded and adopted.

Chancellor David Scott expressed his appreciation for all of the kind thoughts, letters and emails he had recently received from the faculty. He then addressed his decision to leave the University, explaining that he has decided to step down at the end of the Financial Campaign, and at a time when he feels it would be beneficial for a new administration to be engaged in planning for the University's future. He anticipated that an interim Chancellor would be appointed July 1, 2001.

Before Chancellor Scott left the meeting he thanked the faculty once again and read a poem by New England Poet Mary Oliver entitled "Wild Geese."

Senator Arthur Kinney then made a special motion in recognition of Chancellor Scott's service and contributions:

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate congratulate David K. Scott on the prospective completion of his eight-year term as Chancellor of the Amherst campus on June 30, 2001. He has been a visionary leader and a tireless advocate in Boston and beyond. He has challenged the campus culture and stimulated it to evolve. We look forward to working with him through the Spring 2001 semester.

Among the high points of his legacy are:

Dedication to diversity and opportunity;

The integration of teaching, research and outreach;

A forthright, honest and open administrative style;

The advancement of scientific research;

Campus beautification;

Improved community relations;

New buildings and many infrastructure improvements;

Successful completion of the 1st Capital Campaign.

It will be essential that David Scott's successor be an equally credible scholar and experienced academic leader.

This motion was approved by acclamation.

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Criteria for Academic Good Standing in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-013 with Motion No. 10-01.**

MOVED: 10-01 That the Faculty Senate approve the Criteria for Academic Good Standing in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-013.

This motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

2. **Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Amendments to the Principles of Association of the University of Massachusetts Intercampus Faculty Council (Sen. Doc. No. 93-027), as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-014 with Motion No. 11-01.**

MOVED: 11-01 That the Faculty Senate ratify the amended Principles of Association of the University of Massachusetts Intercampus Faculty Council in Sen. Doc. No. 93-027A, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-014.

This motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

3. **Special Report of the Council on University Service, Public Service and Outreach and the Rules Committee concerning Recommendations Relative to the Implementation of UMASS ONLINE, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-015 with Motion No. 12-01.**

MOVED: 12-01 That the Faculty Senate adopt the recommendations concerning a decentralized approach to the implementation of UMASS ONLINE, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-015.

This motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

B. ANNUAL REPORT

1999-2000 Annual Report of the Athletic Council with Executive Summary, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-016.

After lively discussion, this report was received by the Faculty Senate.

C. BYLAW CHANGES

Special Report of the Council on University Service, Public Service and Outreach concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-017 with Motion No. 13-01.

MOVED: 13-01 That the Faculty Senate approve the Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-017.

(Inasmuch as this is a change to the Senate Bylaws, this is the first of three readings of this motion. It will be read again at the 585th Senate meeting and voted on at the 586th meeting. The motion may be debated and amended at all three meetings.)

There were no questions or discussion concerning the bylaw change at the first reading.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Principal Administrative Officers**

Deputy Provost John Cunningham announced that professor James Boyce, will be giving a Distinguished Faculty Lecture titled, "Economic Policy for Building Peace: Lessons from War-Torn Societies," Tuesday December 5, at 4 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Secretary Ernest May made a series of announcements demonstrating the Senate's proactive approach to issues that UMass is currently facing. He mentioned that the Intercampus Faculty Council is coming together in an effort to work with the Board of Trustees at a system level, and thanked the Outreach Council for its work with UMASS ONLINE. He then noted some recent tasks and accomplishments of the Program and Budget Council, the General Education Council, the Research Library Council and the Health Council.

3. The Chair of the Rules Committee

Rules Committee Chair Roland Chilton called attention to the newly structured Faculty Senate agenda, explaining that the announcement period has been moved from the beginning of the meeting period to the end.

4. The President of the Student Government Association

Student Trustee Seth Avakian thanked Chancellor Scott for his leadership of this campus, and commented that he doesn't know of anybody with a greater passion for public education than Chancellor Scott.

Student Trustee Avakian then commented on the level of conflict between the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees. He stated that the Board does not see the academic side to running a University, and mentioned that he thought it would be beneficial to have a faculty member from another university on the Board to give the Trustees some insight from a faculty member's perspective.

5. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors

President Jane Giacobbe-Miller announced that the bargaining survey is in the mail, and that the bargaining process may begin as early as January. She then mentioned that the hiring of a CEO for UMASS ONLINE is on the fast-track, even though there is still a question of how centralized UMASS ONLINE will be.

The 584th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate stood adjourned at 4:35 p.m. November 30, 2000.

Respectfully submitted by Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate.

**The Proceedings of this meeting are available on audio tape
at the Faculty Senate Office dated November 30, 2000.**