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DATE: THURSDAY, 31 March 2005
TIME: 2:50 to 4:25 p.m.
PLACE: Raytheon Amphitheater (240 Egan)

Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

B. SAC Report (Professor Lowndes, written report only)

C. Provost's Report (Provost Abdelal, written report only)

D. Library Policies and Operations Committee Report (Professor Melachrinoudis)

WHEREAS the University is committed to a course of rising to become a top-100 research university through a policy of academic investment; and

WHEREAS the University Library plays a crucial role in the teaching, learning, and research mission of the University; and

WHEREAS the recent history of flat or erratic funding for the Library's collections will be viewed with disapproval by the NEASC accreditors in 2008; and

WHEREAS the Library now fails to meet both the standards for admission to the Boston Library Consortium, and the benchmarks set by its main comparator groups; and

WHEREAS the Library has pursued a prudent and cost-effective course of action in its use of funds to date; and

WHEREAS the collections of books, journals, and electronic databases available in the University Library already fall short of the needs of the academic community and are inadequate to support its research and teaching activities and aspirations;now, therefore,

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate, endorsing both the goal of becoming a top-100 research university and the tactic of enhanced investment in the University's academic mission, supports the clear imperative to develop a robust operating budget for the Library during and beyond the period of the Academic Investment Plan.

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports, as part of this robust operating budget, the recommendation of the Library Policies and Operations Committee that the Library shall receive sufficient additional funding for that period specifically to offset the phenomenon of journal price inflation, thereby exempting it from the need for any additional reductions in the size of the collection of journal subscription base.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the recommendation of the Library Policies and Operations Committee that funding to improve the range and quality of the collections as a whole be made available in accordance with the Committee's proposed budget plan, including funding to enable access to the Web of Science citation database.

4. WHEREAS the Library is currently understaffed; cannot support the additional requests for research instruction by the English, writing, and honors programs and the expanding research needs of the academic community; and cannot provide peer tutoring for large numbers of students requesting such services;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the recommendation of the Library Policies and Operations Committee that there be no reductions in Library staffing, and that additional funding to address the Library's

additional staffing needs be made available as detailed in the proposed budget plan.

5. WHEREAS the cost of technology to access information is increasing, and the complexity of the information environment requires that the Library increase its investment in the hardware and software necessary to provide that access;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the recommendation of the Library Policies and Operations Committee that additional funding be made available to meet the Library technology requirements detailed in the proposed budget plan.

6. WHEREAS the Library does not provide adequate spaces for group learning, the use of digital media, and undergraduate research and instruction;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the recommendation of the Library Policies and Operations Committee that additional funding be made available to address the Library facilities needs detailed in the proposed budget plan.

E. Direct Entry Master of Science in Respiratory Therapy (Professor Peterfreund)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the proposed Direct Entry Master of Science in Respiratory Therapyin the School of Professional and Continuing Studiesas approved by the Graduate Council on 14 January 2005.

F. Master of Professional Writing and Information Design (Professor Peterfreund)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the proposed Master of Professional Writing and Information Design in the School of Professional and Continuing Studiesas approved by the Graduate Council on 14 January 2005.

G. Graduate Entry Doctor of Pharmacy (Professor Reynolds)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the proposed Graduate Entry Doctor of Pharmacy degree program in Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the Graduate Council on 10 January 2005.

H. Professional Masters Degree in Marine Biology (Professor Powers-Lee)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the proposed Professional Masters Degree in Marine Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences as approved by the Graduate Council on 4 February 2005.

I. Question and Discussion Time (10 minutes)