

1. *Dr. James Heimdal called meeting to order at 11 am*
2. *Welcome*

Dr. Heimdal welcomed everyone back as chair of the UMES Senate
3. *Approve the minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.*
  - a. The Senate minutes were approved with no changes
4. *Committee Reports*
  - a. Academic Affairs – Michel Demanche
    - i. Academic Affairs committee review of courses:
      1. Reviewed 4 courses within Human Ecology FMCT 203, FMCT 371, FMCT 351H, and FMCT 390 with no reservations. Motion passed.
      2. Reviewed courses in Plant Science. The course that was originally one will be split into two PLSC 406 and PLSC 606. They reviewed with no reservations. Motion passed.
    - ii. Also reported that next month they would be looking at Mathematics and Computer Science courses
    - iii. Wanted a memo to go out stating that Academic Affairs can not accept changes to courses after March 1. Dr. Heimdal will send a memo out.
  - b. CUSF – Dr. Bill Chapin
    - i. Executive meeting was held 2/7/11
    - ii. Highlights from meeting:
      1. Governor has budgeted for the university system and recommends reductions of 5%
        - a. Regents would account for this by increasing tuition 5%
      2. Last 3 years we have had furloughs – no furloughs for next year
      3. The group that determines if the budget will balance has recommended further cuts in order for budget to balance
        - a. Their recommendation is to remove the budget for central administration and have the individual campuses take up the costs for central administration
      4. Another recommendation by the governor was to have MHEC (Maryland Higher Education Commission) be removed and the Maryland Board of Education be in charge of the university system. However, nothing has happened yet and these are just proposals.
      5. Mike Miller (MD Senate) has proposed that College Park be made independent of all of University of Maryland schools. This has yet to go anywhere.
      6. Budget should be completed by early April
  - c. Parking Committee
    - i. Met 2/7/11

- ii. Criminal Justice interns will again be used to restrict the flow of students
- iii. There is a new lot across the tracks on Hytche Blvd for student use
- iv. Chief Sumpter is working on the tightening of the parking policies
- v. Any questions about lighting in the parking lots goes through Dr. Holden's office
- vi. There was a question on getting parking permits for guest lecturers and streamlining the process for them.
  - 1. If Department contacts Public Safety ahead of time, the permit can be received earlier
- vii. Also discussed the use of ticketing illegally parked cars which would free up the faculty/staff spaces currently occupied by students

5. *Old Business*

- a. Dr. Heimdal believed it was a positive meeting when Dr. Thompson came to visit in December
- b. Will ask Dr. Thompson to visit UMES Senate meeting again sometime later this semester

6. *New Business*

- a. None

7. *Announcements*

- a. None

8. *Adjournment*

- a. 11:35 am