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Faculty Meeting

After the nominations were announced for the election of the Faculty representative to the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts, several in the audience wanted to know how to spell Boelcskey, and when the votes were counted Prof. Andrew Boelcskey, German, had edged out Prof. Steven Schwartz, Psychology, who will be serving as an alternate Faculty representative to the Board.

In his remarks, Chancellor Carlo Golino noted that he would hope to have, and the Trustees would also hope to have, more faculty input into deliberations by the Board.

Chancellor Golino said the past year was a difficult one, and said he felt it was his obligation to propose the merger of the liberal arts colleges. He said plans are moving forward to a smooth transition into the unified College of Liberal Arts.

"We all must move together with a sense of unity and purpose," he said. "There are outside forces which could determine the future of this campus, and by working together we can achieve our mutual goals."

The Chancellor said that we are working with a budget this year that is \$1.2-million below last year's. "Despite this liability," he said, "we have had a respectful and sound instructional program." He added that "with strict budget controls and savings we may be able to get \$100,000 for the urgent needs of the Library."

Dr. Golino reaffirmed his life-long professional interest and concern for the liberal arts.

"The core of education is the liberal arts," he said, "and I do not intend to forget that the liberal arts are the central thrust of this campus. In fact, I look forward to a fuller development of the liberal arts in the unified college."

The future is one that can be viewed with hope and confidence, he said. Dr. Golino predicted that by 1981 UMass-Boston would have an FTE enrollment of 9000, with 6000 in the liberal arts, 1500 in the College of Professional Studies, 1000 in the College of Public and Community Service, and 500 in graduate programs.

The Chancellor said the 15-1 student-faculty ratio is viewed on Beacon Hill as "a waste of time." But he added that the campus has 200 frozen positions--including faculty slots--and "that's the money that we must have unfrozen."

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Reporting on the Search Committee's progress for the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, he said the Committee has come down to three names: Prof. James Blackwell, Sociology; Prof. Edward Shoben, University of Pittsburgh; and Prof. Robert Steamer, Politics, and Dean of College II.

Chancellor Golino said he will review the recommendations of the Search Committee over the next few weeks and said he hopes to get Trustee approval at the June meeting.

For the Acting Dean of the unified college, he said he has asked Colleges I and II to submit three names from each college. Coordinators are Prof. Gerald Volpe, College I, and Prof. John McCarthy, College II.

On the future of the proposed Reorganization of Public Higher Education, he said of the three plans submitted by Gov. Dukakis, the Board of Higher Education and Senate President Kevin Harrington, the best interest of the public, the students, and the University would be served by the proposal of the Senate President.

In other actions at the Faculty meeting, Prof. Joan Lukas, Mathematics, Faculty Co-Chairperson of the University Assembly, reported on the activities of the Assembly over the past year. She emphasized the study and work on Admissions recommendations, including recruitment of students by income categories, reaching Affirmative Action goals, enrolling more older students, and giving priority to high impact area students from Dorchester, Columbia Point, and South Boston.

Prof. Lukas reviewed Assembly deliberations on their wish for clarification on the Trustees' Personnel policies; review of tenure cases; the Hay Report; and the merger of the liberal arts colleges.

Prof. Paul Gagnon, History, said it had to be said that the University must not give up requesting funding on the 15-1 student-faculty ratio. "The Trustees and the President should keep at this, and the faculty should be able to help.

"To abandon the argument for the 15-1 ratio now is wrong, especially when we have remedial education at one end of the scale and graduate education at the other."

Health Plan

Harvard Community Health Plan, (HCHP) became available to employees in the fall of 1974, when many converted from Aetna to HCHP. Through June 4, 1976 the option to convert to HCHP, or to convert back to Aetna, is available. Employees may call Personnel Ext. 2271, 2 to arrange a convenient time for filling out conversion forms. Conversions become effective July 1.

Under expanded coverage, HCHP provides full maternity benefits to females with individual coverage and without a deductible; preventative dental care is offered for children under 12 years of age; coverage is expanded for durable medical appliances.

Premium costs: AETNA--\$10.71 (individual) and \$24.68 (family), HCHP--\$5.11 (individual) and \$15.77 (family).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1976-1977FIRST SEMESTER

September 1	Wednesday	Special Add/Drop Day
September 2	Thursday	First day of classes
September 6	Monday	Holiday (Labor Day)
September 10	Friday	Add/Drop Ends
October 11	Monday	Holiday (Columbus Day)
October 20	Wednesday	Mid Semester
October 29	Friday	Pass/Fail Deadline Course Withdrawal Deadline
November 11	Thursday	Holiday (Veteran's Day)
November 22 - Dec. 3	Monday - Friday	Advance Registration
November 25 - 28	Thursday - Sunday	Thanksgiving Recess
November 29	Monday	Classes Resume
December 8	Wednesday	Classes End
December 9 - 14	Thursday - Tuesday	Reading Period
December 15 - 22	Wednesday - Wednesday	Final Exam Period
December 23	Thursday	Emergency make-up in case of snow cancellations

SECOND SEMESTER

January 21	Friday	Special Add/Drop
January 24	Monday	Classes begin
January 28	Friday	Add/Drop Ends
February 21	Monday	Holiday
March 11	Friday	Mid Semester
March 17	Thursday	Holiday
March 18	Friday	Pass/Fail Deadline Course Withdrawal Deadline
March 26 - April 3	Saturday - Sunday	Vacation
April 4	Monday	Classes Resume
April 18	Monday	Holiday (Patriots Day)
April 19 - 29	Tuesday - Friday	Advance Registration
May 6	Friday	Last Day of Classes
May 9 - 13	Monday - Friday	Reading Period
May 16 - 23	Monday - Monday	Final Exams
June 2	Thursday	Commencement

Reviewers

When Prof. Shaun O'Connell, English, reviews a novel for the Globe it's not news. He's in their pages so often. When Prof. Arnold Beichman, Politics, reviews political or diplomatic offerings in the Globe or Monitor, that's not news. It's that frequent, but when Beichman goes the novel-review route, that's something different. So, that's what came up in the May 5th Christian Science Monitor when he reviewed Hearing Secret Harmonies by Anthony Powell, pronounced, Beichman tells us, Pole.

Beichman writes, "Powell's place as a great novelist lies not in his magical power to evoke an aching nostalgia in his readers nor to blanket us, as other writers do so adeptly, in the soft, dripping fog of period atmosphere. When it is all written down, it is his love and compassion for villain and gallant, for the sane and the dotty, for the young and the aged alike, it is his sense of aloneness and mystery that has enabled him to produce the unsurpassable roman fleuve of our time."

Prof. O'Connell's review of Doctor Rat by William Kotzwinkle in the May 9 Globe reports that this cult figure of today's literature gives us another parable "which tells us anew that we know not what we do."

The book is "marvelously inventive," but "at once simplistic and overloaded," and O'Connell adds that "Kotzwinkle's works have the stark impact of what long has been thought and is once again expressed. But, alas, he tells us nothing that we don't already know about ourselves; similarly, he does little that has not already been better done before in fictional form. So it goes."

Social Statistics and the Law

Prof. Philip Hart, College of Public and Community Service (Institutions) will present a paper and selected slides on "Social Statistics and The Law" at the American Statistical Association annual meetings in Boston, Aug. 23-26. The paper will focus on: the role of statistician as expert-witness; social graphic presentations; applied social statistics; etc. The paper and accompanying graphic slides are based on jury discrimination cases in: Suffolk County, Massachusetts; Eastern Massachusetts; Eastern Colorado; and the City and County of Philadelphia.

Early Music Series

The Museum of Fine Arts Early Music Series completed its year's program, which was produced by Prof. Nicholas Tawa, Music. The final concert took the listener into an idealized Boston parlor of the 19th century for a musicale of "patriotic, moral, and sentimental songs of the day," according to Herald-American music critic Ellen Pfeifer.

The Millers

Dolores Miller (Grants and Contracts) has been elected President of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, and son Robert, a Bowdoin College freshman, has won the top Cinematography Award at the school's film festival. Not to be outdone, daughter Doreen has been selected for the highly competitive Junior Year program at the University of Freiburg, Germany. She is a German major at UMass-Amherst.