

**SPECIAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**RULES COMMITTEE**  
**concerning**  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN**  
**EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Presented at the**  
**664<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate**  
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**EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**(An Ad Hoc Committee of the Faculty Senate)**

The release of the President's *Vision for One University* plan, sudden impending changes in senior management, and calls for a Commission (or Task Force) on the future of the University system and higher education throughout the Commonwealth have resulted in temporary leadership instability in the UMASS system and on the Amherst campus. In order for the campus to maintain forward momentum during a period of transition, there needs to be a forum for the deliberation of the major political issues affecting the campus. Such a forum should include many faculty, librarians, representatives of staff, students, foundation board members, alumni(ae), area legislators, and at-large members.

The Faculty Senate hereby establishes the EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL for a maximum duration of three years. Its charge shall be to:

- Deliberate issues related to the future of the University of Massachusetts system, including possible reorganization, and especially focusing on the flagship campus at Amherst, and make appropriate recommendations to the Governor, Board of Trustees, and President;
- Deliberate issues related to the senior leadership of the University of Massachusetts system and the flagship campus at Amherst, and make appropriate recommendations to the Governor, Board of Trustees, and President;
- Ensure that established principles of shared governance are adhered to in all activities related to reorganization and selection of senior management at the system and campus level;
- Ensure that honest, transparent, unmanipulated searches for senior leadership positions at both the system and campus levels are conducted whenever there is an opening at the level of senior management;
- Conduct other related business that may properly come before the Council.

Its membership shall consist of:

- a) The elected Rules Committee of the Faculty Senate;
- b) The elected Executive Board of the Massachusetts Society of Professors;
- c) The Chairs of all the Councils and Committees of the Faculty Senate;
- d) Twelve at-large members from among the faculty, librarians and staff of the University appointed by the Rules Committee;
- e) A Representative of the Dean's Council (chosen by the Rules Committee);
- f) The Student Trustee;
- g) The President of the Student Government Association;
- h) The President of the Graduate Student Senate and Graduate Employee Organization;
- i) One Representative each from the PSU, USA and AFSCME Local 1776 Unions,
- j) The President of the UMA Foundation Board or designees (2);
- k) The President of the UMA Alumni Association or designees (2);
- l) Seven elected Legislators.

The Co-Chairs of the Council shall be the Secretary of the Faculty Senate and the President of the Massachusetts Society of Professors. A Secretary of the Council shall be appointed by the co-chairs. A progress report is due at the Faculty Senate meeting of September 20, 2007. Subsequently, the Council shall report to the Faculty Senate as appropriate, but not less than once per semester.

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate establish an Executive Advisory Council for a maximum term of three years, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-051.  
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