

Minutes of Faculty Senate Rules Committee
September 24, 2004
Faculty Club 8:15 AM

Present: Richard Bogartz (Chair), Julie Brigham-Grette, Christine King, Ernie May, Brian O'Connor, Robert Wilson, Marilyn Billings, Arthur Kinney

Richard called the meeting to order at 8:20.
Minutes of meetings on 8/23/04 and 9/10/04 were approved.

Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 7-Ernie reported that it will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Mullins Center. Senators will be seated at a large circular table and non-senators and others will be seated in the audience. President Wilson will give the main address "Faculty Renewal, and the Structure of the Faculty in the 21st Century". It is anticipated that a lively discussion will follow the address. A reception for the President and all attending will be held immediately following the discussion. It is planned to have a follow up meeting with the Chancellor and Deans later in the semester.

Discussion Items

- A. Search Committee Nominations-Agreed to add Professor Laurie Brown (Geosciences) to the NSM Dean's Search Committee and to remove Professor Julie Brigham-Grette (at Julie's suggestion), no new names for SBS and Education Deans' Search Committees, agreed to encourage the Committee on Committees to solicit more names for the Graduate Dean and Library Director Search Committees. Agreed to add Professors Julie Brigham-Grette and Arthur Kinney to the Library Director Search Committee and also to add Vice Chancellor for Outreach and Continuing Education Sharon Frost to this committee. These lists will be submitted to Provost Seymour.
- B. International Studies Council-ACIPO- Ernie reported that a Chair is needed for this committee.
- C. Revision of Sen.Doc. No 90-038- Procedures for Dealing with Charges of Misconduct in Scholarly Activities at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst-agreed to refer this report to the University Research and Scholarly Misconduct Board for possible revisions.
- D. DRAFT Special report of AMC concerning Increasing the Number of Credits for a Course-Ernie urged for the members to email any suggestions or revisions to him.
- E. Letter to Faculty and Staff from Eduardo Bustamante, SGA President and Uri Strauss, GSS President regarding textbooks. Agreed to refer this document to AMC and Undergraduate Education Council.

- F. Opscan- agreed to put this on the agenda for the Oct 4 meeting with the Administration
- G. Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on SIS-the motion establishing this committee was passed at yesterday's (September 23) FacSen meeting-agreed to poll the Rules Committee for nominees for this committee.
- H. 30 -Day Letters-ENVSCI 535 and Computer Literacy Requirement in CC-no formal action needed by the RC
- I. Review of Election Districts-2004-2005-discussed the need to stimulate interest in many districts for membership in the senate.
- J. Rules Committee/Administration meeting topics for October 4, 2004 Professor Ostendorf will be present to discuss the Annual Report of the Research Council. Other topics should be sent to Ernie ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM

Your faithful scribe,

Brian O'Connor.