

Rules Committee Meeting
January 19, 2012
Minutes

Present: Joe Bartolomeo, Marilyn Billings, Tony Butterfield, Ernie May, Brian O'Connor, Ralph Whitehead

1. Minutes

Minutes from Dec 2 and 15 approved.

2. Faculty Senate Agenda for Feb. 2, 2012

Presentation of Master Plan – Discussion of presentation. This is a big deal. Future of N. Pleasant St. – major conceptual issue: through street for buses and bicycles only with all other traffic diverted to Thatcher Way or close completely. This master plan is a mixed use concept, whereas previous plan had been a neighborhood concept (science & engineering, residence life, etc.). Issue of parking garages and how to fund.

Agenda items approved.

The Joint Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching (JCET) document has been amended to add students.

New agenda item: Schools within Colleges from Academic Priorities Council

3. Discussion Items

a. New Certificate

Management Certificate in Sustainable Business Practice – to AMC, PBC, APC
Program Revisions:

1. Revision of Environmental Science Undergraduate Degree Program – AMC, PBC

2. Minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management – AMC, PBC, APC

b. Special Report of PBC and Research Councils concerning a Center for Communication for Sustainable Social Change (CCSC) – Discussion, need additional follow-up due to Research Council's report. Rules Committee will meet with Chair of Research Council to obtain more information about the RC report.

c. Replacement for Mari Castañeda – discussion about possibilities

d. Faculty Senate meetings for 2012-13

e. Chancellor Holub's critique of Faculty Senate operations – some potentially constructive suggestions that Rules Committee is pursuing; the consent agenda format will be implemented after the Feb 2 Faculty Senate meeting; potential re-districting due to merger of college conversations is delaying constitution review. Looking for national organizations to connect with. Additional discussion about quorum. Want to align the bylaws and constitution so that work can proceed at the campus level.

f. Letter from President Caret Jan 6, 2012 - Discussion

g. Evaluation of Centers and Institutes – Discussion of the review process

h. Bylaws/Constitution Review Committee

i. UMass Amherst at a Glance 2011-12

Other: We will be receiving a request from the Deans to delay the implementation of the IE. We will need to discuss substitutions for Gen Ed requirements as a transition measure.

Submitted by,
Marilyn Billings