

Faculty Senate-UMass Amherst
Rules Committee
Minutes of March 9, 2007 Meeting
University Club 8:30 A.M.

Present: Maurianne Adams, Marilyn Billings-Chair, Ernest May, Brian O'Connor, Robert Wilson and Donna Zucker.

Minutes of March 2, 2007 as written by Maurianne Adams were APPROVED as written.

Discussion items:

- A. Program revisions:
 - 1) Undergraduate Certificate in Multicultural Theater Practice –agreed to refer to AMC as lead council and also to APC and PBC.(Note-pages 6 etc are missing)
 - 2) Change of name of “Department of Art” to Department of Art, Architecture, and Art History-agreed to refer to AMC as lead council and also to GC and APC.
- B. Updated budget spreadsheets from David Murphy and Susan Pearson-these sheets update the progress of the 250 plan, review revenue shifts and the FY08 Budget process.
- C. Projected unmet need in service courses and GenEd courses-not available yet but should be available for RC/Administration meeting on Tuesday, March 13.
- D. Academic Honesty Web Site: request from (ACOSP) - Ad Hoc Committee on Student Plagiarism- to make the web site “official.” Committee agreed that agreement has to be reached concerning topics relevant to faculty and those relevant to students, who should be in charge of this site and many other matters. Agreed that Ernie will seek out professional help, e.g., paralegal, etc., to read this document and hopefully report back to the RC before the end of the semester. In the meantime, work will continue on this project as it is a “work in progress.”
- E. Calendar survey-agreed to discuss this with the Administration on March 13 meeting.
- F. Information on the numbers of ex officio members on various committees as % of total membership. Is the Library Council (Arthur Kinney’s response) a unique case and should it be so addressed? Marilyn repeated her position on this from an email to all members-it does depend on the council or committee composition as some require more ex officio members than others for valuable and timely information, etc. Finally, it was agreed to discuss this with Arthur when he is available and so it was “temporarily” tabled!
- G. Additional Bylaw change for the APC-it was agreed to strike the second paragraph completely in the revised edition and leave the first paragraph alone but Brian will move to strike the word “will” and replace it with “may” during discussion of this matter at the Senate meeting of March 15.

In another matter, Ernie brought up a concern expressed at a recent Health Council meeting concerning the availability of flu vaccine to all members of the University community. Donna agreed to look into this matter and to attend the next Health Council meeting and report back to the RC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Your faithful scribe,
Brian O'Connor