

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
September 4, 2009
MINUTES**

Present: Marilyn Billings, Donna Zucker, Rick Adrion, Bob Wilson, John McCarthy, Ernie May, Alex Deschamps

1. Approved minutes of the August 3, 2009 Rules Committee meeting

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For September 17, 2009)

Discussed the formatting for the items below. Agreed that items A & B should be noted as representing "business" the Rules Committee undertook acting on behalf of the Faculty Senate during the summer.

A. New Business (For AY 2008-2009)

Old Business

New Business (For AY 2009-2010)

Motion for to approve the Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning the Establishment of an Ad

Hoc Committee on General Education Revision and Implementation (GERICO), as presented in Sen. Doc.

No. 10-001A with Motion No. 01-10.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

B. Elections

1. Two Associate Delegates to the Board of Trustees

Nominees: Marilyn Billings, Library

Added Alex Deschamps as a 2nd nominee, and noted that additional nominees would be invited from the floor

2. One At-Large Member of the Rules Committee

Nominee: W. Brian O'Connor, Biology

3. Chair of the Rules Committee

Nominee: John McCarthy, Linguistics

C. New Business (For AY 2009-2010)

Special Report of the Academic Matters Council, Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Oversight, General Education Council, Rules Committee and Undergraduate Education Council concerning Revisions to the Requirements for General Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 10-002 with Motion No. 03-10.

Discussed who would present this report and decided that to ask John Jenkins. Senators will be encouraged to attend this and future meetings, and departments and units will be encouraged to fill open Senate slots in light of the important issues expected to come before the Senate this AY.

D. Bylaw Changes

Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

John McCarthy and Ernie May will provide context.

E. Address by Chancellor Robert C. Holub

(Questions and Discussion to follow)

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Program Revisions –

1. Change in Credits for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Agreed that this should be forwarded to the AMC and other appropriate councils for review.

2. Conversion of the Operations Management sub-plan to a BBA degree in Operations and Technology Management

3. Revision of the Finance and Operations Management major into a BBA degree in Finance by removing the Operations Management sub-plan

Items 1, 2 & 3 referred to AMC.

4. Changes to the Requirements for the Computer Science MS and PhD Degree Program

Items 2 & 3 referred to Grad Council.

B. Commonwealth College Planning Document – August 2009

Discussed how Com. Col. might be an appropriate unit for a differential fee. Discussed inviting Dean and Associate Dean to the Rules Committee.

C. Motion to approve a change in future membership of the Rules Committee (AY 2010-2011 or 2011-2012) – Change Two Associate Delegates to the Board of Trustees to One Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees and add One additional At-Large Member (This would require a change in the Bylaws, and would become effective only after the current Associate Delegates have completed their terms.)

The motion was adopted unanimously.

D. Speakers for 2009-2010 Faculty Senate meetings.

October 15 – Neal Abraham, Executive Director, Five Colleges, Inc.,
(Introduced by Ernie May)

November 12 - Representative Stephen Kulik

Decided to move Abraham to November and invite Provost Staros to address the Senate in October. Defer invitations to legislative representatives for now.

E. NEASC Reaccreditation Self-Study document (www.umass.edu/neasc) final draft.

F. Topics for RC/Administration meeting on September 9, 2009.

- a. Follow-up on the Sept. 3 conference with Heads and Chairs
- b. NEASC Self-Study document (AHCSO)
- c. Upshot of the “visitation” by Manning and Karam; plans for 9.30.2009
- d. Master Planning: will any decisions be driven by the “academic” side of the house?

G. Agenda - Academic Leadership Meeting, September 3, 2009, Planning for 2010-11 and Beyond

These items E & F were discussed. It was agreed that the Trustees meeting at Amherst should be announced to the Senate and perhaps some event(s) could be organized. This was to be added to the next meeting's agenda.

**Submitted by,
William Richards Adrion**