

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2009

Present: Rick Adrion, Marilyn Billings, Alex Deschamps (responsible for minutes), Ernie May, John McCarthy (presiding), Brian O'Connor, Robert Wilson, Donna Zucker

Minutes of the September 18, 2009 Rules Committee meeting were approved.

Guest: Neal Abraham, Executive Director, Five Colleges, Inc. Issues discussed:

1. Prospects and impediments for joint positions in the Five College consortium and finding solutions given the different structures. Need a nexus for cooperation, perhaps around new areas of study.
2. Humanities more likely to work out cooperation although women in Women's Colleges are more apt to major in the sciences. Five Colleges, Inc. historically recipient of large grants for Humanities and the grant in Public Health is in its fifth year.
3. Need a reciprocal template and recognition for teaching, chairing theses, perhaps monetize what happens in departments especially around instructional load and link FTE production to a monetary value (out vs. in-state).
4. Set up a mechanism for a representative of the Five Colleges, Inc. to be at various councils and committees.

FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2009

- A. Address by Stephen Kulik, State Representative and Assistant Vice Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee. (Future of UMass and diminishing State contribution).
- B. Annual Report of the University Relations and Advancement Council, Academic Year 2008-2009.
- C. Approval of new courses by the Academic Matters Council.
- D. Approval of new courses by the Graduate Council.
- E. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 10-003 with Motion No. 04-10. (*Report previously distributed*).
- F. Special Report of the General Education Council concerning a Recommended General Education Designation for PHYSICS 118, as presented as Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

DISCUSSIONS TOPICS

New Program Revisions – Lead Councils:

1. Minor in Architectural Studies (To be sent to Academic Matters Council [lead Council] and Program and Budget Council).
2. Revision of Graduate Degree Programs in the Department of Natural Resources Conservation and Departmental Name Change (to Environmental Conservation) (To be sent to Graduate [lead Council] and Program and Budget Council).

Submitted by Alex Deschamps