

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
THE FACULTY SENATE**

DATE: December 7, 2006

TO: John Lombardi, Chancellor
Charlena Seymour, Senior Vice Chancellor and Provost
John Dubach, Special Assistant to the Chancellor
Andrew Effrat, Associate Provost

FROM: Ernest May, Secretary

SUBJECT: Rules Committee/Administration Meeting Topics

The Rules Committee would like to discuss the following items with you on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 8:15 a.m. in the Whitmore Board Room.

GUESTS: Barbara O'Connor and Michael Gargano

1. Student/Fan Conduct at Football Games
2. Status of the 1A Football Proposal: Is a Pre-emptive Response Needed?
3. Duval Patrick's Agenda and Transition Team
4. Stephen Tocco's Visit
5. Romney's Cuts: What is the Specific Campus Plan?

GUEST: Bryan Harvey

6. "Streamlining" the Curriculum (some might call it "dumbing down"):
 - a) Little or no writing (or projects) required in many courses;
 - b) Increased class size (including too many very large lectures);
 - c) SBS "converting" its language requirement;
 - d) HFA dropping its out-of-college 2-course requirement;
 - e) Science courses dropping labs and reducing credits (4 to 3);
 - f) Other examples?