

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

DATE: September 4, 2009

TO: Robert C. Holub, Chancellor
James V. Staros, Senior Vice Chancellor and Provost
Tom Milligan, Executive Vice Chancellor for University Relations
John Dubach, Special Assistant to the Chancellor
Susan Pearson, Associate Chancellor
John Cunningham, Deputy Provost
Bryan Harvey, Associate Provost

GUESTS: Joseph Berger and Amilcar Shabazz, Co-Chairs, Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Oversight

FROM: Ernest May, Secretary

SUBJECT: Rules Committee/Administration Meeting Topics

The Rules Committee would like to discuss the following items with you on **WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2009 at 8:15 a.m. in the Whitmore Board Room.**

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1. Follow-up on the September 3rd Academic Leadership Meeting.
2. NEASC Self-Study Document, and Comments from Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Oversight.
3. Upshot of the “Visitation” by Trustees Manning and Karam; Plans for the September 30, 2009 meeting of the Trustees on this campus.
4. Master Planning: What decisions will be driven by the “academic” side of the house?
5. Do we need a joint task force to make recommendations with respect to non-conforming ideas for new academic programs which have emerged?

**Academic Leadership Meeting
3 September 2009
Planning for 2010-11 and Beyond**

9:30 AM – Coffee

10:00 AM – Welcome/Overview (James V. Staros, Provost)

10:10 AM – Budget Update (Robert C. Holub, Chancellor)

Academic Planning in the context of the current fiscal climate

10:40 AM – Budgetary reviews of academic programs (James V. Staros)

11:00 AM – Entrepreneurial approaches to budget limitations – e.g., professional/master's programs, reconfiguration or repackaging of academic programs, expansion of summer sessions (James V. Staros)

11:20 AM – Faculty renewal-replacements, RFP process (James V. Staros)

11:40 AM – Composition of the professoriate (Susan Pearson, Associate Chancellor)

12:00 N – Lunch/Discussion

Delivering a high quality undergraduate educational experience with limited resources

1:30 PM – Rethinking general education (John Cunningham, Dean of Undergraduate Education)

1:50 PM – Rethinking major requirements (John Cunningham)

2:10 PM – New pedagogical approaches (Joel Martin, Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts; Bob Feldman, Interim Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Jim Kurose, Associate Dean of Natural Sciences)

3:00 PM – Commonwealth College, expanding opportunities for undergraduate Honors (James V. Staros)

Additional Action Items for 2009-2010

3:15 PM – Academic continuity in the framework of the H1N1 forecast (Brian Olsen, Environmental Health & Safety)

3:30 PM – Expansion of summer session (John Cunningham)

3:45 PM – Differential tuition/fees (Bryan Harvey, Associate Provost for Planning and Assessment)

4:00 PM - Adjourn