

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE AGENDA**

May 23, 2003

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the May 9, 2003 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Brian O'Connor. Jenny Spencer is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. If she cannot attend, Richard Bogartz is responsible.)

2. GUESTS – 9:30 a.m. – Sara Lennox

(Email from Robert Schwartzwald regarding a vote of the Language Department.)

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Program Revision: To create two major tracks in French & Francophone Studies**
(Please indicate a lead Council.)
- b. **Program Revision: BA Degree Program in Chemistry**
(Already approved by the Academic Matters Council (see email). Never submitted to the Faculty Senate Office. Can the Rules Committee approve this without bringing it before the Senate?)
- c. **Letter from Mary O'Connor and Ingrid Holm from ESL dated May 14, 2003 regarding the possible dismantling of the ESL Program**
- d. **May 20, 2003 Retrenchment Committee Notes**
- e. **Topics for Rules Committee/Administration meeting on June 9, 2003**
- f. **Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting, February 12, 2003, specifically pages 8 through 13, referring to Bond Counsel and the University's Capital Plan**
- g. **Articles from the *Daily Nebraskan* dated May 5 and May 16, 2003 – “Perlman, faculty reflect on troubling year” and “Chancellor claims support amid continued criticism”**
- h. **Article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* dated May 15, 2003 – “California Colleges Face Smaller Cuts in Governor's Revised State Budget Plan”**
- i. **Article from *Opportunity Magazine* dated April 2003 – “Interstate Migration and Geographic Mobility of College Graduates 1977 to 2002”**
- j. **Article from *MassLive.com* dated May 21, 2003 – Senate eyes higher education changes”**
- k. **Email from USA President Donna Johnson dated May 22, 2003 – Preliminary Overview of Senate Ways & Means FY'04 Budget**

(If you haven't already done so, please return your Summer Vacation Schedules to the Faculty Senate Office. Thank you.)