

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

January 27, 2006

1. **GUEST: Lisa Perl binder, Director of Advancement Communications and Campaign Public Relations**

2. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the December 2, 2005 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings. Julie Brigham-Grette is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If she is unable to attend, Seshu Desu is responsible.)

3. **FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For February 9, 2006) (See Agenda)**
 - A. **Comments by Chancellor John V. Lombardi
“University Presidents Summit”
(Questions and Discussion to follow)**
 - B. **Annual Report of the University Press Committee for Academic Year 2004-2005, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.**
 - C. **Approval of a new course by the Academic Matters Council**
 - D. **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning the Revision of the Two Undergraduate Degree Programs in the Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.**
 - E. **Committee of the Whole: “Scholarly Communication”**

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **Program Revision – School of Nursing Ph.D. Program Post-baccalaureate entry and requirements (Please indicate a lead Council)**
 - B. **Working Group on Cross Listing: (?) Ernie May, Bryan Harvey, John Cunningham, Arthur Kinney, John McCarthy, Mokhtar Atallah, Linda Slakey, Jennifer Normanly, Dennis Hanno, Cece Trachy (See emails from Bryan Harvey and Ernie May)**
 - C. **(?) For Faculty Senate meeting on February 23 - Presentation by (Senator) Lieutenant Colonel David T. Vacchi - “State of UMass Army ROTC Program”**
 - D. **Speakers or Committee of the Whole topics for spring Faculty Senate meetings**
 - E. **Changes in Commencements**
 - F. **Letter from the University of Massachusetts Amherst Foundation, the Annual Endowment Report – July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005, Investment Committee Members and an article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* dated January 27, 2005 “College Endowment Post ‘Respectable’ Returns for 2005 – Funds’ 9.3% gain falls short of double-digit results seen in 2004”**

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- G. Article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* dated January 13, 2006 – “State Appropriations for Higher Education, 2005-6”
- H. Article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* dated January 18, 2006 – “State Support for Higher Education Has ‘No Correlation’ With College Quality, Report Says”
- I. Article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* dated January 24, 2006 – “German Universities Learn Which of Them Have a Shot at Elite Status”
- J. Article from *Change Magazine*, January/February 2006 – “Restructuring Relationships in Virginia – The Changing Compact Between Higher Education Institutions and the State”