

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

October 7, 2005

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 23, 2005 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Julie Brigham-Grette. Arthur Kinney is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If he is unable to attend, Brian O'Connor is responsible.)

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For October 20, 2005) (See Agenda)

- A. Annual Report of the Graduate Council for Academic Year 2004-2005, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.
- B. New Course Approval
- C. Special Report of the General Education Council concerning Recommended General Education Designations, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. UMA 250 Joint Task Force – Next meeting October 28, 2005 at 8:15 a.m. (? Invite Deans)
- B. Topics for Presentations:
 - 1. Academic Dishonesty
 - 2. Library – Scholarly Communication – Digital Collections
- C. Open Discussion Items:
 - 1. Student Plagiarism of Internet Resources
 - 2. Imposed Costs for In-House University Maintenance
 - 3. Costs of University Administrative Structure vs. Faculty Salaries
- D. Rules Committee/Administration Meeting topics for October 24, 2005 (trying to reschedule as the Chancellor will be unable to attend on this date.)
Other Rules Committee/Administration meetings for the semester are: November 7th, November 28th and December 19th
 - 1. Capital Program: What will the campus be like if we actually succeed in raising and spending \$26 billion over 10 years? Will every building be functional, and will every academic unit be housed in “good” facilities?
- E. FY06 Budget Update
- F. Article from USATODAY.com dated October 5, 2005– “Double-digit hikes are down”