

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

March 31, 2006

1. **GUEST** **Professor Tom Roeper**
 “On Developing an Ethical Statement for Ph.D. Candidates”

2. **MINUTES**

 Minutes of the March 10, 2006 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Arthur Kinney. Bob Wilson is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If he is unable to attend, Maurianne Adams is responsible.)

3. **FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS** (For April 13, 2006) (See Agenda)
 - A. **Address by Jack M. Wilson, President, University of Massachusetts (Questions and Discussion to follow)**
 - B. **Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 06-023 with Motion No. 24-06. (Second Reading)**
 - C. **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Changes to the Existing B.A. Degree in Theater, presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.**
 - D. **(?) Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Guidelines for Cross-Listing Courses, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.**
 - E. **Special Report of the Student Affairs and University Life Council concerning An Administrative Requirement for Alcohol Education, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.**

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **Program Revision: Changes to the Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree Program**
 - B. **Minutes from the March 15, 2006 meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Communications with accompanying information**
 - C. **From Paul Utgoff, Chair, Research Council – “Joint Authorship Policy”**
 - D. **Approval of a new undergraduate student on the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Plagiarism**
 - E. **Emails from Uri Strauss, GSS President, regarding Bylaw Changes**
 - F. **Rules Committee/Administration meeting topics for April 10, 2006**
 1. **OGCA**
 2. **Preparedness for the Bird Flu?**
 3. **The need for comparative outcomes assessment between standard courses and online courses (Martha Stassen).**
 4. **The case for a University-sponsored Testing Center (Richard Rogers).**
 - G. **End-of-year Rules Committee meetings – ? Cancel May 12 meeting and have a May 19 lunch meeting**
 - H. **Article from *Boston.com* dated March 24, 2006 – “New England’s untapped export”**
 - I. **Article from *Netscape News* dated March 24, 2006 – “The No. 1 Party College is . . .”**
 - J. **March 2006 *MSP Chronicle* – “Threats to Academic Freedom” by Michael Ash**