

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

September 4, 2009

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the August 3, 2009 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Ernie May. Rick Adrion is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If he is unable to attend, Marilyn Billings is responsible.)

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For September 17, 2009)

A. New Business (For AY 2008-2009)

1. Approval of two new courses:
SOCIOLOGY 384 "Sociology of Love" – 3 credits
CE-ENGIN 670 "Transport Processes in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering" – 3 credits
2. Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Impact and Implications of Digital Scholarship, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-058 with Motion No. 71-09.
3. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Clarification of Minors and Certificates, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-059 with Motion No. 72-09.
4. Special Report of the General Education Council and the General Education Task Force concerning The Purposes of General Education, presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-060 with Motion No. 73-09.
5. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Undergraduate Program Revisions in Hospitality & Tourism Management, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-061 with Motion No. 74-09.
6. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning Undergraduate Program Revisions in Women's Studies and the Program Name Change from Women's Studies to Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-062 with Motion No. 75-09.
7. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities and Program and Budget Councils concerning an Undergraduate Certificate Program in Multicultural Theater Practice, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-063 with Motion No. 76-09.
8. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Undergraduate Program Revisions in Natural Resources Conservation, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-064 with Motion No. 77-09.
9. Special Report of the General Education Council concerning Recommended General Education Designations for EDUC 290, ENGLISH 307, PSIS 190C, and SCANDIN 397V, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-065 with Motion No. 78-09.

Old Business

1. Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-049B with Motion No. 54-09.
2. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 06-043E with Motion No. 48-06.
3. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-050D with Motion No. 55-07.

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4. **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning the 2011-2012 Academic Calendar, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-031B with Motion No. 33-08.**
5. **Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning The Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Oversight (AHCSO), as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-042A with Motion No. 47-09.**

New Business (For AY 2009-2010)

Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on General Education Revision and Implementation (GERICO), as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 10-001A with Motion No. 01-10.

B. Elections

1. **Two Associate Delegates to the Board of Trustees**
Nominees: Marilyn Billings, Library
2. **One At-Large Member of the Rules Committee**
Nominee: W. Brian O'Connor, Biology
3. **Chair of the Rules Committee**
Nominee: John McCarthy, Linguistics

C. New Business (For AY 2009-2010)

Special Report of the Academic Matters Council, Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Oversight, General Education Council, Rules Committee and Undergraduate Education Council concerning Revisions to the Requirements for General Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 10-002 with Motion No. 03-10.

D. Bylaw Changes

Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

**E. Address by Chancellor Robert C. Holub
(Questions and Discussion to follow)**

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Program Revisions –

1. **Change in Credits for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**
(This was reviewed by John Cunningham who said “it is not considered to be a minor change. It should be given full review by the AMC – in our opinion.”)
2. **Conversion of the Operations Management sub-plan to a BBA degree in Operations and Technology Management**
3. **Revision of the Finance and Operations Management major into a BBA degree in Finance by removing the Operations Management sub-plan**
4. **Changes to the Requirements for the Computer Science MS and PhD Degree Program**

(Please indicate a lead Council for each.)

B. Commonwealth College Planning Document – August 2009

C. Future membership of the Rules Committee (AY 2010-2011 or 2011-2012) – Change Two Associate Delegates to the Board of Trustees to One Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees and add One additional At-Large Member (This would require a change in the Bylaws, and would become effective only after the current Associate Delegates have completed their terms.)

- D. Speakers for 2009-2010 Faculty Senate meetings.**
 - October 15 – Neal Abraham, Executive Director, Five Colleges, Inc.,**
(Introduced by Ernie May)
 - November 12 - Representative Stephen Kulik**
- E. NEASC Reaccreditation Self-Study document (www.umass.edu/neasc) final draft.**
- F. Topics for RC/Administration meeting on September 9, 2009.**
 - a. Followup on the Sept. 3 conference with Heads and Chairs**
 - b. NEASC Self-Study document (AHC SO)**
 - c. Upshot of the “visitation” by Manning and Karam; plans for 9.30.2009**
 - d. Master Planning: will any decisions be driven by the “academic” side of the house?**
- G. Agenda - Academic Leadership Meeting, September 3, 2009, Planning for 2010-11 and Beyond**