

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

October 2, 2009

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 18, 2009 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings. Alex Deschamps is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If she is unable to attend, Brian O'Connor is responsible.)

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For October 15, 2009)

- A. Address by James V. Staros, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Questions and Discussion to Follow)**
- B. Introduction of and Comments by Neal Abraham, Executive Director, Five Colleges, Inc. (Question and Discussion to Follow)**
- C. Annual Report of the Academic Priorities Council for Academic Year 2008-2009, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.**
- D. 2008-2009 Annual Report of the International Studies Council, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.**
- E. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. 10-003 with Motion No. 04-10.**
- F. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Program and Budget and Research Councils concerning the Establishment of a Center for the Study of African American Language, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.**

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. New Proposals:
Graduate Certificate in Labor Studies
Center Communication for Sustainable Social Change CSSC
(Please indicate a lead Council for each.)**
- B. Temporary replacement for Ernie May as Faculty Senate Secretary during the Spring 2010 semester.**
- C. Chart – Suggestions to improve UMass classrooms**
- D. Digital Scholarship Issues**
- E. Recent Trustee Meeting**
- F. Departmental Honors**
- G. Rules Committee/Administration meeting topics for Wednesday, October 21st**