

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

October 30, 2009

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the October 16, 2009 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Alex Deschamps. Ralph Whitehead is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If he is unable to attend, Bob Wilson is responsible.)

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For November 12, 2009)

- A. Address by Stephen Kulik, State Representative and Assistant Vice Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
(Questions and Discussion to Follow)
- B. Annual Report of the University Relations and Advancement Council, Academic Year 2008-2009, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.
- C. 2008-2009 Annual Report of the Program and Budget Council, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.
- D. Approval of a new course by the Academic Matters Council
- E. Approval of new courses by the Graduate Council
- F. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 10-003 with Motion No. 04-10. (*Third and final reading.*)
- G. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Changing the Name of Commonwealth College to Commonwealth Honors College, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- H. Special Report of the Graduate Council concerning Changes to the Department of Computer Science Requirements for its Combined MS and PhD Degree Program, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- I. Special Report of the Graduate Council concerning Revisions to the Public Health Practice Program in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- J. Special Report of the General Education Council concerning A Recommended General Education Designation for PHYSICS 118, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. New Program Revisions:
 - 1. Coastal and Ocean Administration, Science and Technology (COAST) Professional Science Master's Track in the School of Marine Sciences (SMS) non-thesis option MS Degree
 - 2. Master of Science in Design – New Concentrations in “Historic Preservation” and “Design Studies”
 - 3. Certificate of Strategic Communication and Public Information
 - 4. Computer Science Bachelor of Arts (BA)
(Please indicate a lead Council for each.)
- B. SNESSL (Southern New England School of Law)
- C. Shall the Academic Priorities Council be authorized to assume an advisory role in the resource allocation process (“monetization”), given that budget decisions reflect priorities? (See enclosed APC minutes.)
- D. Identifying faculty to participate in 5-College Long-Range Planning Exercise
- E. Rules Committee/Administration meeting topics for Monday, November 9, 2009