

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST  
RULES COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 31, 2008**

**1. GUESTS**

**John Cunningham, Deputy Provost  
Carol Barr, Associate Dean, Isenberg School of Management  
Priscilla Clarkson, Dean, Commonwealth College  
1) Priority Registration  
2) Honors Proposal**

**2. MINUTES**

**Minutes of the October 10, 2008 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Ralph Whitehead. Bob Wilson is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If he is unable to attend, Donna Zucker is responsible.)**

**3. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For November 20, 2008)**

**Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-007 with Motion No. 03-09.**

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Honors Proposal**
- B. a. Memo from Mary Lynn Boscardin, School of Education, regarding Clarification of Senate Document 86-014A; b. Sen. Doc. No. 86-014A; c. Sen. Doc. No. 82-021**
- C. Budget Planning Task Force (BPTF)**
- D. How to Interact with Staff in Relation to Budget Cuts: A Subcommittee of the BPTF?**
- E. “A Snapshot of the Graduate School” – Slides presented at the Graduate Council meeting on October 15, 2008**
- F. Rules Committee/Administration meeting topics for Monday, November 10**
  - 1. Update on Budget Reductions and how will they effect:**
    - a. Physical Plant**
    - b. Athletics**
    - c. OIT**
    - d. Student Affairs**
    - e. Advancement**
    - f. School, Colleges, and Departments**
    - g. Academic Administration**
    - h. Faculty Hiring**
- G. Article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* dated October 15, 2008 – “U. of Arizona Deluged With Proposals for Change to Deal With Budget Cuts”**