

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST  
OFFICE OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

**AGENDA:**      The 636<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on December 16, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall 227.

**A.      ADDRESS BY SHARON FROSS, VICE PROVOST FOR UNIVERSITY OUTREACH AND DIRECTOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION  
(QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW)**

**B.      DISCUSSION ITEM:  
“FIRST CHOICE: THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST EARLY ACTION ADMISSION PROGRAM”  
MICHAEL GARGANO, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS LIFE**

**C.      NEW COURSES (10 Minutes)**

There is no report associated with the following motion:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
NRC 211	“Animal Sampling and Identification”	1
NURSING 433	“Community Health IV: Restorative Nursing II”	3

**MOVED:**      That the Faculty Senate approve the courses NRC 211 and NURSING 433, as recommended by the  
**14-05**      Academic Matters Council.

**D.      NEW BUSINESS**

**1.      Status Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-018 with Motion No. 15-05.**

**MOVED:**      That the Faculty Senate accept the Status Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning,  
**15-05**      as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-018.

**2.      Special Report of the Academic Matters Council and Graduate Council concerning A Joint Proposal to Require Submissions of Proposals to the Faculty Senate in Electronic File Format, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-019 with Motion No. 16-05.**

**MOVED:**      That the Faculty Senate require that all submitted proposals be accompanied by an electronic version of  
**16-05**      the proposal, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-019.

**3.      Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Change in the Credit Limit for Practica and Guidelines for Numbering Practica Courses, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-020 with Motion Nos. 17-05 and 18-05.**

**MOVED:**      That the Faculty Senate approve an increase from 15 to 18 in the number of credits in elective practica  
**17-05**      courses which may be applied to undergraduate degree requirements. Elective practica courses are to be numbered 298, 398 and 498, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-020.

**MOVED:**      That the Faculty Senate approve that practica courses required by a degree program are to be designated  
**18-05**      permanent course numbers other than those used for elective practica courses, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-020.

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4. **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Additions to the Application of Academic Standing Requirements to Students Returning under the “Fresh Start” Policy, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-021 with Motion No. 19-05.**

**MOVED: 19-05** That the Faculty Senate approve the Additions to the Application of Academic Standing Requirements to Students Returning under the “Fresh Start” Policy, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-021.

5. **SPECIAL MOTION BY THE ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL AND UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL:**

**MOVED: 20-05** That the Academic Matters Council and Undergraduate Education Council support actively examining ways to reduce textbook costs to students, whether by adopting models from other campuses or by developing a new model suitable to our campus. In addition, the Academic Matters Council and Undergraduate Education Council are committed to exercising leadership in examining this issue with faculty across the campus.

6. **Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning An Agreement for a Student Exchange Program between the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Kansai Gaidai University, Hirakata, Osaka, Japan, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-022 with Motion No. 21-05.**

**MOVED: 21-05** That the Faculty Senate approve the Agreement for a Student Exchange Program between the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Kansai Gaidai University, Hirakata, Osaka, Japan, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-022.

7. **Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning The Senegal Ecotourism and Sustainable Development Program Sponsored by Living Routes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-023 with Motion No. 22-05.**

**MOVED: 22-05** That the Faculty Senate approve, for the period from January 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006, the Senegal Ecotourism and Sustainable Development Program sponsored by Living Routes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-023.

8. **Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-024 with Motion No. 23-05.**

**MOVED: 23-05** That the Faculty Senate approve the Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-024.

#### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Principal Administrative Officers**
2. **The Secretary of the Faculty Senate**
3. **The Chair of the Rules Committee**
4. **The Faculty Delegates to the Board of Trustees**
5. **The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors**
6. **The President of the Graduate Student Senate**
7. **The President of the Student Government Association**

#### **F. QUESTION PERIOD (10-Minute Limit)**