

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

AGENDA: The 664th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on September 20, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall, Room 227.

A. WELCOMING REMARKS FROM CHANCELLOR THOMAS W. COLE, JR.

B. 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

C. QUESTION PERIOD (10-Minute Limit)

D. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE RULES COMMITTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY SENATE, OVER THE SUMMER 2007

1. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning The Establishment of an Executive Advisory Council, presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-051 with Motion No. 56-07.
2. Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning the Exchange Agreements between Universidade Federal do Paraná, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-052 with Motion Nos. 57-07 and 58-07.
3. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on System Performance and System Structure, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-053A with Motion No. 59-07.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate affirm the actions taken by the Rules Committee over the Summer 01-08 2007, as listed on this agenda, Item D.

E. ELECTIONS

1. Two Associate Delegates to the Board of Trustees
Nominees: Marilyn Billings, Library
Alexandrina Deschamps, Women's Studies
Arthur Kinney, English
(Further nominations will be accepted from the floor.)
2. Two At-Large Members of the Rules Committee
Nominees: John McCarthy, Linguistics
Ralph Whitehead, Journalism
(Further nominations will be accepted from the floor.)
3. Chair of the Rules Committee
To be nominated from among the four At-Large Rules Committee members.

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F. ANNUAL REPORTS

1. **Annual Report of the International Studies Council, Academic Year 2006-2007, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-001.**
2. **2006-2007 Annual Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-002.**

G. FINAL REPORT

Final Report of the Joint Task Force on Online Learning, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-003 with Motion No. 02-08.

MOVED: 02-08 That the Faculty Senate approve the Final Report of the Joint Task Force on Online Learning (JTFO), as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-003 and thank the Task Force for its excellent work which is now complete.

H. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OPEN DISCUSSION – ONLINE LEARNING

PANEL

1. **Marilyn Billings, Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning – Moderator**
2. **Sara McComb, Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning – “Talking Points”**
3. **Ted Djaferis, Chair, Joint Task Force on Online Learning – “Report of the Joint Task Force”**
4. **Richard Rogres, Faculty Advisor to the Provost – “Update on the summer’s Joint Task Force on Online Learning’s Recommendations and Progress”**

QUESTIONS (15 Minutes)

I. OLD BUSINESS

Tabled from the 663rd Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate, May 17, 2007.

1. **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-050 with Motion No. 55-07.**

MOVED: 55-07 That the Faculty Senate adopt the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-050.

2. **Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-038A with Motion No. 42-07.**

MOVED: 42-07 That the Faculty Senate approve the Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-038A.

J. NEW BUSINESS

Special Report of the General Education Council concerning Recommended General Education Designations for AFROAM 390J and COMM-DIS 210, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-004 with Motion No. 03-08.

MOVED: 03-08 That the Faculty Senate approve the General Education Designations for AFROAM 390J and COMM-DIS 210, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-004.