

**PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** December 7, 2004  
**FROM:** Faculty Senate Office, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting, December 16, 2004, 3:30 p.m., Herter Hall 227

- **Address by Sharon Fross, Vice Provost for University Outreach and Director of Continuing Education (Questions and Discussion to follow)**
- **Discussion Item: “First Choice: The University of Massachusetts Amherst Early Action Admission Program” - Michael Gargano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life**

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- **Status Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning (Marilyn Billings and Sara McComb, Co-Chairs)**
- **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 (John Jenkins and Anthony Butterfield, Chairs, respectively)**
- **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Change in the Credit Limit for Practica and Guidelines for Numbering Practica Courses (John Jenkins, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning The Application of Academic Standing Requirements to Students Returning under the “Fresh Start” Policy (John Jenkins, Chair)**
- **Special Motion by the Academic Matters Council and Undergraduate Education Council: 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. (John Jenkins and Richard Rogers, Chairs, respectively)**
- **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 (Donal Carbaugh and Chris Roberts, Co-Chairs)**
- **Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning The Senegal Ecotourism and Sustainable Development Program Sponsored by Living Routes (Donal Carbaugh and Chris Roberts, Co-Chairs)**
- **Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees (Arthur Kinney, Chair)**
- **Approval of new courses by the Academic Matters Council (John Jenkins, Chair)  
NRC 211 “Animal Sampling and Identification” 1 credit and NURSING 433 “Community Health IV: Restorative Nursing II” 3 credits**

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- **Remarks by the Chancellor, Provost, other administrative officers and leaders of other campus governance units (Questions)**
- **For more information, contact Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate**