1. Attendance: Richard Bogartz, Dan Cooley, Suzanne Daly, Lily Fitzgerald, Piper Gaubatz, Masoud Hashemi, Yemisi Jimoh, Nancy Lamb, Deborah Picking, and Scott Stangroom.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by the chair, Richard Bogartz.

2. Richard Bogartz announced that a joint task force for resource allocation will be formed shortly. The APC chair “or designee” is a default member, but he is unable to serve. He raised the question of whether the designee should be from Academic Priorities.

3. The committee discussed the proposal to create an M.A. program in Italian studies. Concerns were raised about duplication with the MAT in Italian, the pattern of course offerings, and the faculty’s capacity to offer courses regularly. The committee agreed to seek further information on the latter two points.

4. The committee discussed the proposal to create the Amherst Center for Fundamental Interactions (ACFI). Discussion points included: ACFI’s structure and purpose, its relationship to the physics department, five-college participation, and the legal/institutional status of research centers at UMass.

5. Deborah Picking moved that the committee endorse the proposal to create ACFI. Suzanne Daly seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. The committee discussed the role the APC should play in the University’s move to Responsibility-Centered Management (RCM). Richard Bogartz outlined key tenets of RCM:

   • Transparent presentation of where money comes from and where it gets spent.
   • Notion that each unit pays for what it spends and earns credit for what it makes. (This raises thorny accounting questions re: how to determine what space costs and who is paid for instruction.)
   • Monetization: Departments pay for space, custodial activity, etc. and are encouraged to bring in money.
   • Not all units can pay for themselves. The administration would have a pool of money from which it would pay out subventions to support valuable but non-earning units.

Discussion points included: the need to educate ourselves on RCM; the need to articulate the value of non-profit-generating departments whose work is central to the University’s mission; the value of uncoupling the idea of research and scholarship from that of grant money; putting the history and potential of the idea of the land-grant university to work for us; the need for RCM to be considered an experiment that must be adjusted and corrected as necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.