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STUDENT RESIDENCE PROGRAM PRESENTATION TO HEADLINE MEETING
   Faculty leadership also to vote on next senate secretary

Members of a residence life team that runs the Residential First Year Experience (RFYE) program at UMass are scheduled to address the Faculty Senate at its Feb. 26 meeting.

RFYE is a structured, residentially based experience for first-year students, designed to smooth the transition to UMass Amherst. Laura Giles, associate director for Residence Life, Anjali Cadena, community development director, and Kelly Gray, first-year experience specialist, will discuss the yearlong program.

“Housing and Residence Life staff members will be sharing details about this program as well as highlighting the initiatives in place for our many communities across campus,” Giles said.

The senate will also consider the annual report of the Athletic Council. Carol Barr, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs at the Isenberg School of Management and Rodney Warnick, Head of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Co-Chairs of the Council will lead the discussion.

In other business, the senate will vote for its next secretary and vote on four academic calendars, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

The senate also will hear announcements from the university’s principal administrative officers, who will be available for questions.

The meeting is at 3:30 in Room 227 Herter Hall and is open to the public.

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