PRESS RELEASE

DATE: September 3, 2013
FROM: Faculty Senate Office, University of Massachusetts Amherst
SUBJECT: Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting, September 12, 2013, 3:30 p.m., Herter Hall 227
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• Welcome and Comments by Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy (Questions and Discussion to follow)

• Motion of Appreciation to the Leaders of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

That the Faculty Senate expresses its deep gratitude to the State Legislature and the Governor for adopting the first installment of the 50-50 Budget Plan, thereby renewing and expanding the Commonwealth’s commitment to maintaining excellence and affordability in public higher education. By stepping in to provide needed resources that otherwise would have been raised through another increase in tuition and fees, the leaders of the Commonwealth have provided much-needed relief to the students and families who have been shouldering an increasing share of the cost of attending college in recent years.

As faculty at the Commonwealth’s flagship campus, we are acutely aware of the many demands on limited state funds in these challenging economic times and therefore realize the significance of the Legislature’s and Governor’s decision to invest in the future of the Commonwealth by supporting public higher education. We are grateful for this support and remain fully committed to fulfilling the historic promise and maximum potential of this great public land-grant research university.

Actions taken by the Rules Committee, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, over the Summer 2013.

Approval of the following:

• Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning an iCons Concentration as a Sub-Plan for the Majors in Biology and Public Health (Linda Shea and Cynthia Suopis, Co-Chairs)
• Special Report of the Graduate Council concerning Changes to the Core 34-Credit Hour Master of Business Administration (MBA) Curriculum (Linda Griffin, Chair)
• Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Five College Ethnomusicology Certificate Program (Linda Shea and Cynthia Suopis, Co-Chairs, Richard Bogartz, Chair, Anurag Sharma, Chair, respectively)
• Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, and Program and Budget Councils concerning an Online Certificate in Casino Management (Linda Shea and Cynthia Suopis, Co-Chairs, Richard Bogartz, Chair, Anurag Sharma, Chair, respectively)
• Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, and Program and Budget Councils concerning an Online Certificate in Meeting and Event Management (Linda Shea and Cynthia Suopis, Co-Chairs, Richard Bogartz, Chair, Anurag Sharma, Chair, respectively)
• Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning Department Autonomy for Communication and Journalism (Linda Shea and Cynthia Suopis, Co-Chairs, Richard Bogartz, Chair, Linda Griffin, Chair, Anurag Sharma, Chair, respectively)
• Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate, Program and Budget and Research Councils concerning an Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) (Richard Bogartz, Chair, Linda Griffin, Chair, Anurag Sharma, Chair, Caren Rotello, Chair, respectively)
• Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning An Exchange Agreement between the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA and The Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay (M. Christine King, Chair)

• Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning An Exchange Agreement between the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA and the Copenhagen Business School, Denmark (M. Christine King, Chair)

• Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning An Exchange Agreement between the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA and The Pontificia Universidade Católica Do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (M. Christine King, Chair)

• Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning An Exchange Agreement between the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA and the University of Bologna Forlì Campus, Forlì, Italy (M. Christine King, Chair)

• Special Report of the International Studies Council concerning An Exchange Agreement between the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA and the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (M. Christine King, Chair)

• Approval of a new course by the Academic Matters Council – MANAGMNT 214 “New Venture Creation” 3 credits (Linda Shea and Cynthia Suopis, Co-Chairs)

• Elections: 1) One Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees; 2) Three At-Large Members of the Rules Committee; and 3) Chair of the Rules Committee


[Remarks by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate and other administrative officers and leaders of other campus governance units (Questions)].