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FROM: Faculty Senate Office, University of Massachusetts Amherst
SUBJECT: Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting, October 11, 2012, 3:30 p.m., Herter Hall 227
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- Panel Discussion - “Current Perspectives on Online Education”
  Moderator:
  William Richards Adrion, Professor Emeritus of Computer Science
  Panelists:
  John Cunningham, Interim CEO of UMassOnline and Vice President of Academic Affairs, “Updates from
  UMassOnline”
  John Wells, Associate Dean for Professional Programs and Professor of Operations & Information Management,
  “Experience with Online Education in ISOM”
  Marilyn Billings, Scholarly Communication & Special Initiatives Librarian, “Open Educational Resources for
  Online and On-Campus Education” - Updates on such projects as the Open Education Initiative, a collaboration
  between the Provost’s Office and University Libraries to address the high cost of commercial print textbooks and
  related concerns.

- Annual Reports for Academic Year 2011-2012:
  University Press Committee, Research Council, Status of Diversity Council, Academic Priorities Council, Health
  Council and Status of Women Council

- Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Revisions to the BFA Program in Studio Arts
  (Linda Shea and Cynthia Suopis, Co-Chairs)

- Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Joining the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA
  (Joseph Bartolomeo, Chair)

- Amended Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to be
  named the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight (JTFSO)
  (Joseph Bartolomeo, Chair)

- Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes (Second Reading)
  (Joseph Bartolomeo, Chair)

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