1. GUEST

Bryan Beck – “Rules Committee Step for the Online System”

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the April 11, 2014 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Ralph Whitehead. Aura Ganz is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If she cannot attend, Jim Kurose is responsible.)

3. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (TENTATIVE) (For May 1 and May 8, 2014)

MAY 1, 2014

A. Final Report of the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (JTFRA)
   Elizabeth Chilton and Timothy Anderson (Co-Chairs)
   (Questions and Discussion to follow)
   
   (DRAFT MOTION)
   MOVED: That the Faculty Senate receive the report of the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation, expressing its thanks and appreciation for the contributions of the Task Force members and the many participants in its forums and meetings around campus. The Faculty Senate specifically endorses its recommendations and, should they be adopted, looks forward to vigorous campus consideration of both a Resource Allocation Model and the wider Resource Allocation System required to assure that the Model remains in service to the campus values and priorities.

B. Update from the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight (JTFSO)
   Nancy Cohen, Bryan Harvey and Amilcar Shabazz, Co-Chairs
   1. Status Report on Phase I Recommendations
   2. Report of the “Follow-Up” Items from Phase I
   3. General Framework for Unit Planning
   (Questions and Discussion to follow)
   
   (DRAFT MOTION)
   MOVED: That the Faculty Senate receive the additional reports of the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight on the subjects of “What Defines a UMass Amherst Undergraduate Education?,” “Research and Graduate Education: Potential Areas of Research Focus,” and “Outreach and Community Engagement” that elaborate on points in the Phase I report; that it receive the report summarizing the efforts undertaken under Phase II of the Strategic Planning Process; and that it endorse the JTFSO’s conclusion that together the Phase I and Phase II documents provide effective guidance for the unit planning to be undertaken in Phase II. The Faculty Senate recognizes and applauds the fact that the strategic planning process had continued to be marked by collaboration among faculty, students, staff, and administration and it looks forward to continued collaboration as the campus moves into Phase III of the planning process during academic year 2014-15.

(OVER)
A. Election of Presiding Officer – Nominee: Richard Bogartz, Psychology

B. Approval of new courses by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils

C. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Revisions to the Bachelor of Science Program in Animal Science, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

D. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Revision to the Curriculum in the Department of Accounting in the Isenberg School of Management, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No. (This program revision was asked to be fast-tracked so Ernie May approved it on behalf of the Rules Committee.) (Approved by the Academic Matters Council on 4/16/14 - Report coming.)

E. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Ph.D. in Education, as presented in Sen. Doc. No

F. Special Report of the Nominating Committee concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Program Revision: Concentration in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management

B. Faculty Members needed for Chancellor Subbaswamy’s new task force that would be charged with proposing programming and practices to encourage a climate of civility and social responsibility among students (see email from Vice Chancellors Gelaye and Kennedy).

C. Draft Report from the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation – April 14, 2014

D. From Dick Bogartz:

   Motion of Thanks to Tom Lindeman:
   In recognition of the remarkable, long-term participation of Tom Lindeman in the University of Massachusetts Amherst Faculty Senate, dating back to the 1960s, and his many contributions to the University, it is

   MOVED: That the University of Massachusetts Amherst Faculty Senate confer upon Tom Lindeman membership in the Faculty Senate as an Honorary Senator who as a non-voting member will have such rights and privileges as being included on the Attendance Roster, having the right to address the Faculty Senate, and having his picture added to the PowerPoint slide show at the beginning of Faculty Senate meetings, and such other rights and privileges as may be added by the Faculty Senate at some future time.

E. Ex Officio Voting Members of the Faculty Senate – Should Deputy Chancellor Robert Feldman be added to the list?