

**University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Rules Committee  
Minutes January 13, 2017  
Campus Center Room 801, 8:15 am**

**Attendees:** Marilyn Billings, Richard Bogartz, David Gross, Yemisi Jimoh, MJ Peterson, Marinos Vouvakis

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 18, 2016 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Bruce Baird were approved as revised.

Minutes of the December 16, 2016 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Jim Rinderle were not yet received.

**2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For January 26, 2017)**

Guest speaker Ellen Story: Dick will introduce her. MJ will give a statement of appreciation.  
Ombuds report discussion. Several of the categories aren't being used. MJ will consult with Ombuds Office, asking them to explain.

New Courses (consent agenda)

The list and motion will be reviewed for consistency with SPIRE listing.

New Business

Discussion of the Graduate School Academic Grievance Procedure. Questions arose that MJ will send back to the chair of Graduate Council for clarification.

Consent agenda

Discussion of academic calendar. More information will be included in Secretary's Office Notes.

Old business, Item H1

More details of "Policy for All Students Declaring a Primary Major and Those Making Subsequent Changes of Major" will be in Secretary's Notes posted in advance of meeting.

**3. ACTION ITEM**

Acting on behalf of the Faculty Senate, Rules Committee approved the Special Report of the Academic Priorities and Graduate Councils concerning the Graduate Certificate in Trust, Assurance, and Cybersecurity, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 17-024 with the amendment to attach the frequency of course offerings in the proposal.

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Impending Vacancy on the Rules Committee – Several names were discussed. MJ will contact possibilities.
- B – D were postponed due to time constraints
- B. Referral of Proposals to Councils for Review
- C. Bylaw Revisions
- D. Secretary's Update on Diversity Requirement Revision Discussions

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Billings