

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
Minutes

MARCH 10, 2017
8:15 A.M.
CAMPUS CENTER, ROOM 901

In attendance: David Gross, Richard Bogartz, M.J. Peterson, Marinos Vouvakis, Yemisi Jimoh, Susan Krauss Whitbourne, Marilyn Billings, Bruce Baird

Discussion of March 9, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting and further discussion of Gen Ed Div requirement.

1. Review of past Minutes

Minutes from the February 17, 2017 Rules Committee meeting approved with amendments.
Minutes from the February 24, 2017 Rules Committee meeting approved with amendments.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For April 6, 2017)

Discussion of agenda items. Possible presentation by Senate President Stan Rosenberg. There is also the possibility of hearing about campus cybersecurity, and a planned discussion of Athletic Council report. Discussion of Athletic Council report ensued.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion of Annual Report of University Press Committee and their finances.
- B. Report on President Meehan “State of the University” Address—well attended and good indication of importance of UMass to economics of the state.
- C. Eligibility for Senate Councils and Committees—Question about Nominating Committee having the rank of nominees. Rules Committee wants to encourage those who nominate people to committees to bear in mind rank when doing so, so as to Problem of Deans discouraging TT faculty from serving on Senate committees. Question of associate deans and whether they are treated as faculty or administration.
- D. Discussion of Coordination between Library and Other Entities on Data Storage and Data Management.

4. 9:40 a.m.

GUESTS

Ruth Yanka, Executive Director, A & F Operations and Alyson Gill, Associate Provost for Instructional Innovation – “Textbook Tool”

--Discussion of survey about campus using CourseMaterials Tool on Amazon. Decision to postpone second, shortened follow-up survey to the fall semester. Discussion of what to do about non-responders.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Baird