

**University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Rules Committee Minutes  
April 7, 2017**

**Attendees: Bruce Baird, Marilyn Billings, Richard Bogartz, Lisa Green, Yemisi Jimoh, MJ Peterson, Susan Whitbourne**

**1. MINUTES**

**Minutes from the March 10, 2017 Rules Committee meeting approved as amended.  
Minutes from the March 24, 2017 Rules Committee meeting approved as amended.**

**2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For April 27, 2017)**

**Address by MA State Senate President Stan Rosenberg. If needed, a backup plan is for MJ to do 4 resolutions for retiring faculty senators.**

**Other items on the agenda include: annual report of the Athletic Council; Announcements; Elections for presiding officer and faculty delegate; New Business - consent agenda; Nominating Committee with amendment; Old Business - HTM item**

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Faculty Delegate to the BOT  
Names are under discussion for filling this position at the next Faculty Senate meeting, as well as that of the Presiding Officer.**
- B. Classroom Scheduling  
Deferred discussion.**
- C. Gen Ed Late Conversions  
Discussion of those Gen Ed courses that haven't completed conversion from 3 to 4 credits. The Faculty Senate Office is working through an expedited process to complete this process as was done in 2010-2013. Discussion ensued regarding the Diversity Council's concerns about the direction of the Gen Ed diversity proposal. The Faculty Senate Office will send proposals to Rules Committee for consideration.**
- D. UMass Press  
Rules Committee reviewed the report provided at April 6 Faculty Senate meeting**
- E. Personnel Action Policies  
Discussion of SRTI anonymous comments being included in tenure files**
- F. Suggestion: Have workshop for on proposal submission for Curriculum Committee chairs - MJ willing to do.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marilyn Billings**