

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

Attendance: Steven D. Brewer, Richard Bogartz, Nancy Cohen, David Gross, A. Yemisi Jimoh, MJ Peterson, Jim Rinderle

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the July 25, 2016 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings.

Minutes approved as amended.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2016)

Changes made:

Add Election of Rules Committee Chair after election of at-large members

Remove specific nominations for at-large seats from the agenda

List nominations in Secretary's Notes

Put line in Agenda to reference Secretary's Notes

Move Bogartz presentation to next meeting

Change "Moved" to "Motion"

3. GUEST – 11:00 A.M.

**Jim Roche, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management
“UMass Degree Requirements as compared to Peer Institutions”**

The governing document for UMass admissions is the "Admissions Standards for the Massachusetts State University System and the University of Massachusetts," issued by the MA Department of Higher Education. These guidelines have changed recently with respect to math courses and represent a minimum of what students should have completed before coming for (or will have to complete before finishing) a state-university degree. Each campus is allowed to admit a number of students not meeting the guidelines of no more than 10% of its incoming class. UMass Amherst admits 2%-4% students that don't currently meet admissions standards and is looking to track the student success of these students more closely. Changes do not affect MassTransfer or community college articulation agreements. The state requires 2 years of language instruction: spot checks suggest that most admitted students meet that, but currently there is no data source to allow searching and cross-referencing. If we were to set an expectation for four years of language instruction, schools would need to hire additional personnel.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CPARC Membership

Names of candidates who had been put forward were organized into two lists (of chairs and faculty) that the Secretary will draw from in discussions with the chancellor to balance membership with proposed deans and administrators across campus constituencies. The Secretary will bring back the final list to the Rules Committee for approval.

- B. Location of Rules Committee meetings for 2016-2017**
- C. Faculty Senate Appointee to the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board**
- D. Process for Conversion of Courses into the Diversity Requirement**
- E. Special Nominating Committee's 2015 Proposal on Transition**
- F. Land Use Policy**
- G. Update on Course Enrollment Discussion**

In view of the late hour, consideration of these items was postponed.

Submitted by Steven D. Brewer