

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 23, 2016

Present: Bruce Baird, Richard Bogartz, David Gross, Yemisi Jimoh, MJ Peterson, Jim Rinderle, Marinos Vouvakis and Susan Whitbourne

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 9, 2016 Rules Committee meeting were approved as slightly revised.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For October 6, 2016)

An amendment to the pending bylaw changes was discussed (See Discussion Item G below) as was an amendment to the Nominating Committee Report. The draft agenda was approved.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Finalizing the CPARC Nominations

A consensus on the nominations was reached. The final list was to be conveyed to the Chancellor in the near term.

B. Faculty Senate Appointee to the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board

Discussion was tabled due to time considerations.

C. Special Nominating Committee's 2015 Proposal on Transition

Discussion was tabled due to time considerations.

D. Faculty Senate's Constitution

Some inconsistencies and some issues with changes made in 2007 were noted. A proposal for amendments will be presented to the senate.

E. Update on process for considering D requirement proposal

To best assess the broad impacts of the forthcoming proposal for a new "D" Diversity Requirement, it was agreed that at its November meeting, the Senate would convene as a Committee of the Whole.

F. Possible ACOSS meeting

As an alternative to a Thanksgiving weekend meeting, the RC will attempt to schedule a meeting with area legislators after the general election but before the winter recess. Separately, the RC agreed to invite retiring Representative, Ellen Story, to address the Senate this fall.

G. Bylaw Change for Status of Diversity Council

Additional inconsistencies were noted between the bylaws and current titles of administrators, particularly with regard to the membership of the Status of Diversity Council. An amendment to the pending bylaw changes will be presented at the October meeting of the Senate.

H. Updates from the Board of Trustees Meeting

Faculty Representatives to the Board reported on discussions among the Inter-Campus Faculty Council members about meeting logistics and about their role in BOT meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Rinderle