

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2016
8:15 A.M.
CAMPUS CENTER, ROOM 801**

Attendees: Bruce Baird, Richard Bogartz, David Gross, Yemisi Jimoh, MJ Peterson, James Rinderle, Marinos Vouvakis

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the October 21, 2016 Rules Committee were approved with revisions.

Minutes of the October 28, 2016 Rules Committee were approved with revisions.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For December 15, 2016)

We have to drop item A—address by State Representative Ellen Story—from the agenda. Discussion of which items to include in consent agenda E, and whether or not to ask for prior clarification about any potential problems, or let these arise on the floor. Decision to possibly separate out E. 2 (does not address funding), 3 (does not address funding), 5 (narrative only) based on MJ checking if there are any revisions. Discussion of replacement of Representative Story.

Agreed to have Committee of the Whole discussion of formulating academic calendars.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. December 16th Rules Committee Lunch Meeting – Where?

MJ to make decision in consultation with rest of Committee.

B. Guidelines for Council Reports

Concern with report by Athletic Council. We need a report which includes full picture of any Council's purview including good and bad points. There are apparently guidelines. We need to review guidelines and make sure that every council has them. We will ask Ernie May to send us guidelines.

Discussion of what matters to discuss in Faculty Senate.

C. Discussion of Calendar and Length of Semester

Discussion of how to organize discussion. Perhaps start with presentation (by John Lenzi) about history and constraints.

D. DIV Requirement

Discussion of DIV requirement. There are reservations about implementation. Also reservations about proposal itself, and what that does with social world requirement and I requirement. MJ to present at Gen Ed Council. Committee votes unanimously to send the following message to the Gen Ed Council:

The Rules Committee has determined that the current proposal for revising the diversity requirement requires further consideration of the points raised before it is brought to the Senate floor.

E. ACOSS Meeting on December 3rd (See agenda)
Discussion of who will attend and topics to be discussed

F. CPARC

David Gross will serve as our representative to CPARC.

Submitted by Bruce Baird