

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST**  
**RULES COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES (January 14, 2019 meeting)**

**Present:** Joseph Black, Lisa Green, David Hoagland, M. J. Peterson, Rebecca Spencer, Marinos Vouvakis, Wilmore Webley

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November 15, 2018, Rules Committee meeting were approved. The minutes for the December 7, 2018, meeting were not available.

**1. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (for January 24, 2019)**

The Faculty senate Agenda items for January 24, 2019, will be sent out on January 17, 2019. More time will be allotted for the online presentation in light of questions about the strategic vision of the online program and about the extent to which graduate students' teaching of online courses will be impacted by the impetus for more faculty members to teach online courses.

**2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Bogartz suggestion for a discussion hunger among students**

M. J. Peterson gave some context for the message from Dick Bogartz about a suggestion for a discussion of hunger among students. Joseph Black noted that the hunger issue has come up before during a discussion at a Graduate Council meeting; however, it has not come up this year. Rebecca Spencer pointed out that there is information about food resources, etc. on the "Student Life" page, UMass Amherst website. Wilmore Webley reported that there are gaps in meeting DACA students' needs, such as housing over break, that are currently being discussed.

It was noted that there is a discussion of student hunger on campuses nationwide, so we might get more information about that discussion. It was noted that there are other areas of campus with more information about student and food (in)security than the Rules Committee, and we should get more information from them. It was agreed that Enkyu Gelaye would be advised that questions about the student hunger issue might be raised. Dick Bogartz will be encouraged to ask questions about student hunger at the faculty senate meeting.

David Hoagland (delegate to the Board of Trustees) reported that an Amherst student trustee expressed concerns about the number of hours UMass students work. Perhaps at one of the Rules Administration meetings, Enkyu Gelaye could be asked about this, and if the information about students' working off campus is not available, the information can be collected.

**B. UMass Online (system level efforts) update**

David Hoagland provided an update on UMass Online. Don Kilburn and team will continue to review online programs to determine which ones will generate most revenue. According to Kilburn, UMass Online and programs on campuses—

such as Amherst and Lowell—will be able to coexist. The plan is still in the early stages, so a number of questions remain unanswered. For example, it still is not clear what faculty's role(s) will be. The UMass Online discussion

**C. Another Update**

The Veterinarian Technology program has been authorized for final approval, and it should be on the system in a week or so.

**D. Spring Forward Planning**

The report of the Athletic Council is forthcoming (April).

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am and adjourned at 11:30am.