

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
FACULTY SENATE
RULES COMMITTEE
Minutes

Friday, January 25th 2019

Attending: Bruce Baird, Joseph Black, Lisa Green, David Hoagland, MJ Peterson, Rebecca Spencer, and Wilmore Webley

1. **Approval of the minutes:** The minutes for Rules Committee meetings held on November 16th, 2018 and January 14th, 2019 were approved. Minutes from the December 7th meeting are pending.

2. **Agenda for the 784th Meeting of the faculty senate to be held on February 14th, 2019:**

C. Annual Reports: Annual report of the Ombuds AY 2017- 2018 is the only report on the agenda at this time.

D. New Courses: The consent agenda for new courses is being developed at this time with 13 new courses listed. It is possible that we will add to this list as new courses are approved until the senate agenda is finalized.

E. New Business

- I. The Revised Grievance Policy should be set as a separate item outside the consent agenda. There should be a presentation by a representative who presents this revised policy. This person would also be able to answer any questions that might arise.
- II. Amendment to the Special Report of the Nominating Committee concerning Nominations of the Faculty Senate Councils and Committees will also be a separate item.
- III. All other items remain on the consent agenda: Amendment to the Accelerated Master's Policy; Creation of an Accelerated Master's Program in Physics; New Concentration in Community Leadership and Social Change; Revision of Mathematics and Statistics PhD Program.

3. Discussion Items

A. Request from Restorative Justice Group to present to Faculty Senate

- I. The item was sent to the RC by Emma Kinney, a member of the Restorative Justice Task Force and a Senator in the SGA.
- II. Discussions on the topic were aimed at identifying the process by which this would work and where it would live.
- III. This is a conflict resolution model, suggesting that it would be offered through student life, giving students a platform to have meaningful conflict resolution with students as mediators.
- IV. If this is the case, it would need to become a part of the code of student conduct.

- V. We need to better understand the role of the Ombuds Office and how this new program would align with their current mission and programs.
- VI. Secretary Peterson will talk with the Ombuds Office, the students from the Restorative Justice Group, and the Undergraduate Education Committee to better understand the basis of the plan for restorative justice on our campus before we make a decision to add the item to the agenda

B. Possible discussion of responses to incidents

This would be dependent on the restorative justice presentation.

C. Hampshire College

- I. At this point it is clear that Hampshire College wants to maintain their identity in any new deal.
- II. UMass Amherst is not interested in any such partnership at this time.
- III. The UMass administration is following the developments closely.
- IV. The presentation by the Chancellor at the 783rd Faculty Senate Meeting was an important step in quelling the rumors surrounding UMass Amherst's interest in acquiring Hampshire College at this time.