

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST**  
**FACULTY SENATE RULES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting on February 21, 2020**

**Attendees:** Richard Bogartz, Lisa Green, David Hoagland, Sarah Hutton (in charge of minutes), Mzamo Mangaliso, Jennifer Normanly, MJ Peterson and Wilmore Webley.

**Absent:** Rebecca Spencer

**1. Minutes**

Minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting submitted by Wilmore Webley were approved. Minutes of the January 31, 2020 meeting submitted by David Hoagland were approved as corrected.

Minutes of the February 7, 2020 meeting submitted by Jennifer Normanly were approved.

**2. Agenda for the 794<sup>th</sup> Regular Faculty Senate Meeting 12 March 2020**

- a. Continuing to consider Stan Rosenberg.
- b. Sustainability presentation – continuing conversation
- c. April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the annual report of the Athletic Council; time allocation should be planned for accordingly. Reliance on subsidies should be discussed during this report.
- d. Committee of the Whole for Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines regarding Sponsorship of Events is being called for timing purposes.
  - i. SGA continues to voice concerns regarding the lack of student representation in this group; they feel like their organizations should not be able to simply provide input, but should also be given the opportunity to serve on the committee.
  - ii. Part of the reason we do not have students – we started the work in January, and students simply were not around during that time.
  - iii. When movement from the first version of the report to the second following committee of the whole debate, student representation could then be officially invited for inclusion in that discussion – cannot formally include until March 12<sup>th</sup> - cannot change the representations on the group prior to a senate vote. Student representatives will need to come to that meeting. We can approach the inclusion of students (informally) earlier on, then adding formally following the vote – as advisors/consultants.
  - iv. Annual Reports remaining – ICTC, Athletics, CHC, and UWC.
  - v. ByLaws Ammendments – timeline has not been altered for completion.

**3. Allocation of curriculum proposals**

- CCMS proposal # 6309 Revise a degree program: Dance BFA. This proposal would take the Dance BFA major requirements from 79 to 94 credits, and the

combination of major and Gen Ed requirements from 106 to 124 (credits for JYW and IE counted within the major). 124 is more than the 120 required for graduation. I think this raises a more general question about how extensive major requirements should get, a point worth examining not only in Academic Matters but also Academic Priorities and/or Undergraduate Ed.

- Recommendation to bring to UEC and investigate capping credit load for majors.

#### **4. Discussion Items**

- Background on Items coming up at the Rules-Administration meeting on Monday.
  - Requesting Mike Malone provide update on task force progress.
  - Additionally, consider requesting Mike to come to April Rules Committee meeting.
  - Post-award faculty group should interface with Mike at some point.
    - F32 (NIH) post-docs getting health insurance has been an issue. How can we address this gap?
- Possible presentations at March and April meetings.
- Fall bylaws revisions: updating titles of administrator ex officio members.

#### **5. In-Meeting Discussion Topics**

- Continued conversation regarding Pathways program and culture on campus as related to retention of faculty hires. What should next steps be to further the conversation/shift on campus? Continuing conversation with Provost, as well as Associate Provost for Equity and Inclusion. This is less a conversation regarding issues with specific programs – that is only a symptom of the larger issue of campus culture.
- Student representatives for graduates and undergraduates should be sent to every committee and council meeting – and, it simply does not happen. There needs to be a better mechanism to get more students involved; it could be an availability or scheduling issues, but we need to do more. SODC participation has been high – Faculty Senate has been nil.
- How does the administration prioritize priorities/make decisions regarding strategic asks for investment?