

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting on April 26, 2019 meeting

Present: Bruce Baird (chair), Joseph Black, Lisa Green, David Hoagland, Frank Hugus, MJ Peterson, Rebecca Spencer, Marinos Vouvakis.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 12, 2019, meeting were not available.

A. Proposed Faculty Distinguished Leadership Award

In the discussion of the proposed Faculty Distinguished Leadership Award, it was noted that in its current state, the proposal does not make clear what actually counts as leadership, so it would be useful if the proposal included a narrower description of extraordinary leadership and service. For instance, many faculty take service to the next level – to the college or the campus: Is this leadership? As it stands, it seems that many faculty could be nominated for this award. Rules members noted that under the criteria as written it be difficult to select winners, and some people might not be willing to serve on the committee for this reason. It was also noted that mentorship is not included in the category “*excluded activities (recognized through different awards)*,” so it should be made clear whether mentorship of graduate students is excluded (e.g., distinguished mentor award) but mentoring undergraduates is included. There was also discussion about the structure of the selection committee: Is this structure uniform across committees for similar awards?

B. CPARC composition and membership

The terms of Jennifer Normanly (chair) and other members of the committee will be ending. A number of questions arise: Will Rules Committee replace these members? To what extent would members from faculty and administration be involved in/committed to the work of the committee? One concern is that if there is no significant business, members will not attend meetings. In addition, there was a question about what CPARC’s mission should be for the next two years. Finally, there was a question about whether or not the committee was too large. CPARC’s initial mission was to provide ongoing leadership and oversight for the campus strategic planning process and the associated resource allocation system, but it was redefined to coordinate the writing for self-study for reaccreditation. CPARC has done quite a bit of work as an advisory committee, and may (continue to) play a role in urging the Administration and support units to make evidence-based decisions. The goal is to have a meeting with the Chancellor to get his feedback: What are his plans? Is he getting what he needs from CPARC? A meeting time to discuss these issues with the Chancellor would be determined.

C. Rules Committee at-large members (2)

Marinos Vouvakis’s, Bruce Baird’s, and Frank Hugus’s terms will end in August. M.J. Peterson will approach people who were suggested.

D. Summer meetings

The Rules Administration meetings are scheduled for May 20th and July 15th. M.J.

Peterson will check to determine whether the Chancellor will be available to meet during the first week of June given that he is not be able to meet on May 20th. If the Chancellor is able to meet in June, the May 20th meeting will be rescheduled to that date. The Rules Committee meetings are June 14th and July 15th.

E. Other matters

There were no additional issues for discussion.