

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
FACULTY SENATE RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, May 25, 2018, 12:00 PM: University Club

In attendance: Bruce Baird, Marilyn Billings, David Gross, David Hoagland, MJ Peterson, Wilmore Webley (luncheon guests: Jeanne Vasu, David Morin)

1. ACTION ITEMS

- A. New Course: BMED-ENG 210 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (#4907)
 - Need course approval for the fall. Discussion of whether or not to approve course now.
 - Motion to approve course on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Approved.
- B. Creation of a Concentration in Forensic Accounting in the M.S. in Accounting Program (#5107)
 - Motion to approve concentration on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Approved.
- C. Creation of an Undergraduate Certificate in Professional Translation and Interpreting (#4498)
 - Senate action was delayed because there were graduate courses included, so it was referred to the Graduate Council, which declined to comment on it, because the proposal was clearly for an Undergraduate proposal certificate. This is now clear in the title.
 - RC made note of possible need to address accessibility issues (and further noted that entire campus will have to think about this increasingly)
 - Motion to approve course on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Approved.
- D. Continuation Requirements for the Major in Kinesiology (Sen. Doc. 13-035A)
 - Discussion ensued
 - Motion to approve course on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Approved.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the April 13th Rules Committee meeting submitted by Rebecca Spencer

Minutes of the April 20th Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings

Minutes of the April 27th Rules Committee meeting submitted by Wilmore Webley

--Minutes to be done by email

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Rules Committee: At-Large Member, Chair, Associate Delegate to Board of Trustees, Search Committee for Interim Dean of Isenberg, Search Committee for Provost

--Discussion of possible candidates for the various positions, and discussion of procedures for searching for a new Provost.

B. Overview of Senate Activity

1. Year in Review

--SBS language proposal

--Ad Hoc Committee on Language Proficiency

--CPARC and NEASC

--Move Withdrawal (W) date on Academic Calendar

2. Anticipations of next year

--Policy for cross listing of courses

--Turning experimental course into permanent course

--Gen Ed 3 to 4 credit conversions.

--Might see programs restructure to allow students to spend a term or year at Mt.

Ida.

--Vet Tech: currently only permission for teach out, but possibility that UMass Amherst will absorb this program permanently

--SBS: BA program in Public Policy and Public Administration

--course loophole x91-x95. Possibly instigate campus discussion of what to do about such courses that are not subject to the same oversight as standard courses.

--Corrections of terminology to by-laws (including changing the title of the "Secretary" to the "Secretary General")

--Question of providing senators with Faculty Senate background documents.

C. Summer meeting schedule:

Rules

June 8 CC 801 8:15 - 10:00

Rules/Admin.

July 23 CC 801, 10:15;

July 23 Whitmore Board Room 8:30 - 10:00

Meeting adjourned, 2:16.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bruce Baird