

**Rules Committee**  
**June 15, 2018**

Attending: Marilyn Billings, Bruce Baird, David Hoagland, Frank Hugus, MJ Peterson, Rebecca Spencer, Marinos Vouvakis, Wilmore Webley

Absent: David Gross

In absence of the Rules Committee Chair David Gross, Frank Hugus served as Acting Chair for this meeting.

**1. Minutes**

After further amendments, the meeting minutes from 4/20/18 and 4/27/18 were approved. Approval of the 5/25/18 minutes was deferred. (While cited for approval on this meeting's agenda, minutes from 4/13/18 had previously been approved.)

**2. Action Items**

After short discussion, New Course ASIAN-ST 380 Self and Ethics in the Great Books of Asia was approved.

Revision of the Schedule for Reviews of Centers and Institutes. A Faculty Senate policy adopted five years ago requires that centers and institutes be reviewed on a cycle of five years. Unfortunately, this policy didn't stagger the years of review, and so now, 26 reviews of centers and institutes more than five years old are due, far too many for the Center and Institute Review Committee to handle in a single year. The Research Policy Committee (Executive Committee of the Research Council) has requested that the reviews be staggered to even out the number of reviews due each year, and this request has been endorsed by the Research Council itself. The actual staggered schedule will be prepared by the VCRE Office by the end of the summer. This request was approved.

**3. Discussion Items**

**A. Updates on current activity:**

(i) Mt. Ida. Many issues associated with the Mt. Ida plans/programs are percolating informally across the Amherst campus with little concrete understanding by the faculty of who and how these issues are being addressed. It is believed that many such issues are being considered by Steve Goodwin and the Deans Council, but it was suggested today that a leader or director be appointed to liaison more broadly with the faculty about these issues. This topic was suggested for the next RC-Admin meeting in July.

(ii) Leadership openings/searches. Starting in the fall, in conjunction with a search firm, a new Dean will be sought for the School of Management. There is nothing new to report on the search process for Provost. Two further searches, one for the Vice

Chancellor of Information Services & Strategy and Chief Information Officer (position being vacated by Julie Buehler) and one for two positions—Vice Provost of Faculty Development (new position) and Associate Provost/Director of Center for Teaching (position being vacated by Gabriela Weaver), are anticipated.

(iii) Open Senate Districts. MJ Peterson is working to recruit candidates for the open districts and anticipates special elections in the fall. Also, many seats on Faculty Senate councils opened by recent retirement need to be filled.

(iv) A special Board of Trustees meeting called for mid-July will consider undergraduate tuition and fees. Such meetings are typically held after the state budget is clarified. Nearly flat rates are anticipated.

**B. Rule Committee: At-Large Member, Chair, Associate Delegate to Board of Trustees**

Formal discussions were not held due to a loss of quorum, but additional names of candidates for the open positions were sought and statuses of several previously suggested candidates were clarified. There is some urgency to finding candidates in time for fall consideration by the Faculty Senate.