

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Minutes for Rules Committee Meeting
July 15, 2019

Attending: Bruce Baird, Lisa Green, David Hoagland, Frank Hugus, MJ Peterson, Rebecca Spencer, Wilmore Webley

1. **Approval of the minutes from June 14, 2019:** Minutes were approved as amended for clarity

2. **Senate Leadership Recruitment:**

- a) Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees – We are still looking for someone to fill this role. Sarah Hutton, Head of Undergraduate Teaching & Learning Services at the UMass Library was suggested as a good candidate. She has been contacted and we are awaiting her response.

- b) Two at-large members of the Rules Committee – Jennifer Normanly and Mzamo Mangaliso have been approached and they have indicated their interest in serving on the RC.

- c) Chair of the Rules Committee – Lisa Green was asked about her interest in serving as chair and she requested some time to think about it before making a final decision.

3. **Proposal for Task Force on Guidelines regarding Organizing, Endorsing, Sponsoring Events**

- On a whole, the RC was unanimous that having these guidelines is a good idea.
- The RC thinks it would be a good idea to meet with the proposers to talk more about the goals of the proposed task force
- It was determined that the RC should have a conversation with the administration about what policies are already in place, what is their current knowledge about the proposed task force and get their thoughts on the formation of such a task force
- It was also suggested that the best route to get this on the faculty senate agenda is to have it sponsored by a senator, instead of it being presented by the RC.

4. **Action Items**

- a) CCMS proposal #5633, Certificate in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language
 - Secretary Peterson received an email communication update from Joseph Pater that suggests some dispute about where this certificate program should reside (the proposed Linguistics Department or in School of Education).
 - In an email from Andrea Dallas forwarded to secretary Peterson, it appears that Education is inclined to be supportive at this stage, but is still not clear what the real disputes are and what it would take to resolve them.

- The proposers are requesting an interim vote by the RC over the summer since they plan to offer the program in the spring semester of 2020 and therefore want an approval prior to September so that that they can start advertising it.
 - After a lengthy discussion, the RC decided that the request to vote on this proposal during the interim period does not meet the burden of urgent and that it should be placed on the agenda for the first senate at large meeting in September.
 - A motion was made and approved unanimously, that the RC defer to the full senate in September.
- b) Approval of change of status of Center for Language, Speech, and Hearing from research center to service center
- The center functions as a clinic, providing graduate students in the department with initial clinical experience needed for their degree program.
 - The RC voted to approve the change

5. Topics for Rules Committee – Administration meeting on 22nd of July (Provost will not be present)

- a) Budget
- b) State of administrative leadership searches
- c) Proposal for Task Force on Guidelines regarding Organizing, Endorsing, Sponsoring Events
- d) Mt. Ida programs are currently being offered – What is the administration’s understanding of the policies governing the starting of new programs on each UMass campus? Where did the wording for 10-mile radius within another instructional site mentioned at the last Board of Trustees meeting come from?
- e) Ask Rolanda Burney, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Life, how things are going with all the new students we have coming in the fall.