

Rules Committee
September 14, 2018

Present: Joseph Black, Bruce Baird (chair), Lisa Green, Dave Hoagland, MJ Peterson, Rebecca Spencer, Marinos Vouvakis

Guests: Provost John McCarthy and Senior Vice Provost Tilman Wolf (9am)

1. Approval of the minutes: Minutes approved from August
2. Review of faculty senate agenda items for October 18
 - a. Discussed other possible items. Decided to invite Anna Branch to make a presentation similar to what she presented to the Campus Leadership in August
 - b. Other content approved (with some consent agenda items to be added)
3. Discussion items – Part 1
 - a. Allocation of items to councils: Reviewed managerial economics and accelerated master's degree in plant and soil science. Agreed that Managerial Econ would be reviewed by Academic Matters, Grad Council (and not Budget); Plant and Soil would be reviewed by Grad Council, Academic Matters, and Budget.
4. Shorelight Program (Tilman Wolf and John McCarthy)
 - a. Shorelight Programs. TESOL (Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages) programs are being taught here and online abroad. we also have a collaboration with Shorelight to teach Master of Engineering programs to international students, partly through remote instruction in their own country and partly on campus
 - b. Right now we do not pay recruitment and local costs abroad, that's the role of the Shorelight collaboration. Need to expand to multiple locations which will then be profitable
 - c. Katherine Newman spurred system-level conversation of how to increase/maintain enrollment given demographic estimates of decreasing numbers of traditional age undergraduates. Question is whether we can expand international education. How do we make it affordable? Can they stay in their home country for longer and stay here for just 1 year? The current proposal is that students would
 - i. Take 4 courses in their home country (via UMass online) and then based on their performance, they can come to a UMass campus for 1 year. Note "can": their actual admission to a campus would be determined by faculty on that campus on the basis of performance (conditional admission).
 - ii. Shorelight will continue to do the recruiting and operating. We set requirements to get admitted. Records will be held at UMass Boston but credentials determine where they can go. If they don't do well in the 'trunk' or just want the certificate, they get a certificate after 1 yr.
 - iii. Challenges:

1. Trunk courses are offered by Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell; for those students who end up coming to Amherst, those credits would need to be transferred into Amherst. Concerns discussed in this regard: departments get to approve; taught from a strict curriculum so consistency should be maintained; can the credits taken in the first year be used to transfer into UMA (from UMD or elsewhere). Regarding the latter – is there a reason that UMB students who successfully complete the 4 courses would be limited in ability to come to UMA for the second year. Reasons were:
 - a. We would be seen as pouching
 - b. They are not 'in a program'
2. Also will require that we share revenue – Shorelight gets 10% of residential tuition paid by students who come to UMA.
3. In some cases, new courses would have to be created with a UMA number in order for the “trunk courses” to be transferred in. Discussed the possibility that courses can be mapped on to the Marine Science Mechanism (degree not held by a particular campus – cross campus listed).
- d. The system office desires having approval from all four campuses by January 2019.