UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
AGENDA

OCTOBER 10, 2014

1. GUEST

John McCarthy, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School
“First-Year Seminars”

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 12, 2014 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings.
Minutes from the September 26, 2014 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Steve Brewer.
Nancy Cohen is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If she cannot attend, Jim Kurose
is responsible.)

3. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For November 13, 2014)

A. Update and Plans from the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight (JTFSO)
   Nancy Cohen, Bryan Harvey and Amilcar Shabazz, Co-Chairs (5 min.)
   (Questions and Discussion to follow) (5 min.)
B. Update and Plans from the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (JTFRA)
   Elizabeth Chilton and Timothy Anderson, Co-Chairs (5 min.)
   (Questions and Discussion to follow) (5 min.)
C. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Bylaw Changes, as presented in
   Sen. Doc. No. 15-003 with Motion No. 03-15. (first reading)
D. Approval of new courses by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils
E. Special Report of the Graduate Council concerning the Name Change of the Doctoral
   Concentration – Psychometric Methods, Educational Statistics and Research Methods
   back to Research, Educational Measurement and Psychometrics (REMP), as presented
   in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
F. Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning Procedures to be followed in the
   Approval of Proposals for Increasing the Number of Credits for a Course, as presented

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Certificate in Climate Change and Green Infrastructure
   (The Department Chair does not want this to go through the CMS.)
B. Replacement for Jim Kurose as Delegate to the Board of Trustees
C. Research Administration Advisory Board
D. Ombudsperson Search Committee – See Sen. Doc. No. 89-011A
E. Next Steps Meeting – October 20, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Whitmore Board Room
F. Tentative – Presentation on Embargoes by John McCarthy
G. Other Presentations?