

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST  
RULES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2016  
HAMPSHIRE HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM #120**

Attendance: Richard Bogartz, David Gross, Steven D. Brewer, James Rinderle, A Yemisi Jimoh, MJ Petersen, Marilyn Billings, Susan Whitbourne

There was a brief discussion about the revisions to the Academic Honesty Policy. All references to the Ombuds Office were replaced with a process in the Provost's Office. This was due to changes in the Ombuds organization and accreditation changes that recommend a different process.

**1. MINUTES**

**Minutes of the November 13, 2015 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings.**

Previously approved (as amended).

**Minutes of the January 15, 2016 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings.**

Approved (as amended).

**Minutes of the February 5, 2016 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Jim Rinderle.**

Minutes not available.

**2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For March 10, 2016)**

The upcoming agenda was discussed. We will be hearing a presentation from John Bryan regarding the APWS. Due to the fact that the Chancellor and Athletic Director will not be in attendance at the March 10 or April 7 meetings, the motion on Division I football will be deferred to April 28. All motions on the Consent Agenda are being removed because two of the three require further discussion. In the case of former Consent Agenda Item 3 (MBA), Secretary Peterson will speak to Deans Fuller and McCarthy to clarify this item. We will wait for a response from Secretary Peterson. There was also discussion about Agenda Item 1 regarding input of the Graduate Council and also, whether it would be better to pass the motion as is and amend later that would apply to graduate students, or make recommendations that become incorporated now.

**3. ACTION ITEM**

Closure of the Electronic Enterprise Institute - The Academic Priorities Council voted to advise that the fast-track procedure be applied to closure of this Institute. The Rules Committee, acting on behalf of the Faculty Senate, voted unanimously in favor of closing the Electronic Enterprise Institute.

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**A. College of Education Update:** The administrative changes in the College of Education have implications for Faculty Senate Councils as the Chair of two of the Councils has stepped down.

**B. JTFRA Timing:** There will be a presentation on May 5 on JTFRA's progress.

**C. April Faculty Senate Meetings:** There will be two meetings in April.

**D. Possible Resolution on Active Bystandership in Face of Hateful Expressions**

Senator Lisa Saunders suggested that a resolution be brought to the Faculty Senate regarding both bystander issues and hateful expressions. We will add this to the April Faculty Senate Agenda.

**E. Faculty Role in Creating/Maintaining Inclusive Classrooms**

There was discussion of how diversity and inclusiveness issues could be incorporated into departments using such resources as are available now, through The Center for Teaching and Faculty Development.

In planning future meetings, we agreed to the following schedule:

March 11- Nelson Lacey (Athletics)

March 25- Gabriella Weaver (Diversity training)

April 15- Model planning (Bogartz will lead)

April 29- John Lenzi (Academic calendar)

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Krauss Whitbourne