

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 25, 2016

8:15 A.M.

Hampshire House Conference Room #120

Present: MJ Peterson, Richard Bogartz, Susan Whitbourne, A Yemisi Jimoh, David Gross, Steven D. Brewer, Jim Rinderle, Nancy Cohen

1. MINUTES

The minutes from the March 11, 2016 and February 5, 2016 Rules Committee meetings were approved as amended.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For April 7, 2016)

The committee discussed time limits for the presentation on Open Access (10-minute presentation; 5-minute questions). The committee allocated 20 minutes to the Minimum Class Size discussion, with a recommendation that MJ Peterson include a preamble with the objective and key questions for the discussion in the notes to Senators as well as on the agenda.

The committee approved the proposal for the Shorelight Program Advisory Committee as amended.

The committee approved the Faculty Senate Agenda for April 7, 2016 as amended.

3. VISUAL VERSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET MODEL

Richard Bogartz provided an overview of the budget model using a “shiny app.” This allows for sliding different parameters to see how the resultant outputs will change. The Rules Committee agreed that this was a useful way for others to more completely understand the budgeting model and recommended that Professor Bogartz present the “app” to the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Drupal Websites: We will invite Julie Buehler and John Kennedy to the upcoming April 4, 2016 Rules Committee/Administration meeting to discuss.

B. When to invite Farshid Hajir to discuss the Academic Calendar: We will invite Professor Hajir to a Rules Committee meeting in late May or early June.

C. Discussion with the new HR Director, Marie Bowen: This will be scheduled at a later date.

D. Rules Committee/Administration Meeting Topics for April 4, 2016: In addition to item A above, we will request that a budget update be provided at the meeting.

Submitted by,
Nancy Cohen