

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**APRIL 15, 2016
HAMPSHIRE HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM #120**

Attendance: Steven D. Brewer, MJ Peterson, James Rinderle, A Yemisi Jimoh, Nancy Cohen, Susan K. Whitbourne, Richard Bogartz, Marilyn Billings, David Gross, with Elizabeth Chilton, Jennifer Normanly, and Gabriela Weaver (Guests)

1. GUESTS

Elizabeth Chilton and Jennifer Normanly, Co-Chairs, JTFRA

Elizabeth Chilton & Jennifer Normanly: This is the third and final year of the Task Force which will be meeting this afternoon to go over a draft to get ready to disseminate it, receive feedback, and present it at the May 5th Faculty Senate meeting. The Committee received a high-level summary of the report to be presented.

Gabriela Weaver, Vice Provost for Faculty Development

Gabriela Weaver: Institute for Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development (TEFD) has voluntary offerings, workshops, brown bags, etc., for faculty to learn about creating an inclusive classroom. TEFD has some new hires that are focused on developing a program to enhance offerings. A new program being developed is the Teaching for Inclusiveness, Diversity, & Equity (TIDE) ambassador program. There are discussions about bringing more online training materials both in student-centered learning, but also diversity training.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the March 25, 2016 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Nancy Cohen.

The minutes were accepted unanimously as amended.

3. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For April 28, 2016 and May 5, 2016)

The Committee discussed the two proposed resolutions on the April 28th agenda and how they should be referenced in the agenda. A revised version of the agenda will be distributed with updated wording before final approval.

Regarding the May 5th agenda, the Committee considered how to manage the length of announcements that, at some prior meetings, has gone to excessive length, has caused meetings to run late, including the potential of asking for announcements to be identified in advance, so that the agenda can be managed more efficiently.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Revised Resolution to address Diversity and Inclusion for April 28th Faculty Senate meeting

An updated version of the wording was distributed via email prior to the meeting. The Secretary reported that a number of faculty have made a range of suggestions that have addressed concerns that were raised at the previous Faculty Senate meeting.

B. Text of Resolution regarding Football

Some wording changes were considered in the context of the agenda for the April 28th meeting.

C. Discussion regarding One-Off Proposals. It was recommended by the Program and Budget Council that the Rules Committee would lead the implementation of such proposals.

Tabled until next meeting.

D. Rules Committee/Administration Meeting Topics for April 25, 2016

Topics identified included: deferred maintenance, fossil-fuel divestment, budget update, wider website discussion.

Respectfully submitted by Steven D. Brewer