

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**APRIL 29, 2016
HAMPSHIRE HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM #120**

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

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the April 15, 2016 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Steven Brewer.

The minutes were accepted unanimously as revised.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Process for development of proposed Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee

The name of and charge for the new committee were discussed. No conclusion was reached in the matter of the name. The new committee should be charged to undertake a regular, iterative review of the strategic plan and budgeting.

B. Possible membership of proposed Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee

There was discussion about membership in this new committee. Permanent members will include the Associate Chancellor and Chief Planning Officer, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, and Provost's Office Chief of Academic Finance and Administration. Members with rotating, staggered appointments will include two deans from colleges or schools with degree programs, one dean from among the other deans (Commonwealth Honors College, Library, and Graduate School), two department heads or chairs not from the same school or college as each other or a serving dean, the Chair of Academic Priorities Council or designee, the Chair of Program and Budget Council or designee, two faculty members at large (Senators not from the same district and/or participants in college-level budgeting), one graduate student appointed by the Graduate Student Senate, and one undergraduate student appointed by the Student Government Association.

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

This recommendation regards complex proposals such as the recent Shorelight Program proposal and the mechanism for study and response to the proposals. Discussion around the role that Rules Committee plays in the implementation of such proposals was lively.

D. Rules Committee/Administration Meeting Topics for May16, 2016

Topics identified included: discussion about the recommendation from the Chancellor at the April 28 Faculty Senate meeting on reviewing the football program, College Budget Councils, town-gown relationships, and the Vice Provost for Continuing and Professional Education search/vision for CPE going forward/CPE administration reorganization

E. Discussion of the football motion at the April 28 Faculty Senate meeting

There was discussion about the motion on football, commentary at the meeting, and what, if anything, should come of it. There was discussion of the utility of an outside, objective consultant on the ramifications of changes in the football program.

Respectfully submitted by David Gross