

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 11, 2016

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

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the April 29, 2016 Rules Committee meeting were approved as slightly revised.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Curriculum Management Guidelines

The draft of a memorandum on Course Enrollment Guidelines was discussed. Comments about the roles of Deans and Chairs were discussed as were the advantages of having departments manage enrollment to advance efficiency and effectiveness. Comments will be incorporated into a final document which will be forwarded to Provost Newman and Vice Provost Barr in the near future.

B. Whether to refer the SBS Global Requirement to the International Studies Council

There was a discussion of the role and importance of foreign language competency requirements in university degree programs generally and specifically in the programs offered by SBS. Acting on the recommendation of the APC, the Rules Committee decided by a vote of 7-1 to refer the set of SBS Global Requirement proposals to the International Studies Council for consideration in the fall.

C. Post-Adoption Comments on Resolution on an Inclusive Campus

MJ reported that she had received a couple of comments regarding the phrasing of the *Resolution on an Inclusive Campus* which was adopted at the most recent meeting of the Senate.

D. Showing Richard Bogartz's Visualization of the Budget Model to the Senate?

There was a consensus that Richard's presentation on the budget model should be presented at a fall meeting of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Rinderle