

## **Faculty Senate Rules Committee Meeting Minutes: June 25, 2014**

Present: MJ Peterson, Nancy Cohen, Dick Bogartz, Ralph Whitehead, Steve Brewer, Jim Kurose, Ernie May, Marilyn Billings; Bryan Beck, guest

### **Certificate Programs (and minors also, possibly)**

- Bryan Beck: 47 certificate programs on record (13 grad, remainder undergrad). Only 24 of these types have been awarded recently. Lots of confusion. Some grad schools have to call UMass to figure out what it means. We don't have a set of consistent criteria (e.g., some certificates, for example, have a zero credit requirement).
- Needs to be a review/charge/better definition. Need to form an ad hoc committee or task force. Need to first get definitions from AMC. Joint task force to be charged by RC and admin. Include membership from AMC, CPE. .... This (defining and charging the committee) is a now "to do" for the RC.

### **3-4 Credit Discussion**

- Lots of discussion. Final decision: create revised 05-007A (minimally removing references to Gen Ed). Adopt streamlined version outlined in Ernie's email on options (i.e., option 2), which incorporates 05-007A as an appendix. A few wordsmithing changes were discussion to option (ii).

### **Embargoes**

- Students can request to have their thesis embargoed (one consequence is that this means this is not available). Grad School has adopted a policy on this (library implements this policy). We should have a conversation with John McCarthy about this.

### **Ombuds**

- Ombuds Office services both workplace and academic issues. MJ to draft sense of RC on leadership of Ombuds Office.

Submitted by,

Jim Kurose