

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
FACULTY SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2015
12:00 P.M.**

1. MINUTES

Minutes from the November 13, 2015 Rules Committee

The minutes were unavailable.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Assessment of the State of the Campus

Members shared their impressions of the state of faculty-administration discussions regarding campus policies and of the financial situation for the rest of this fiscal year.

B. Diversity/Access Discussions at BOT (Whitbourne, Billings)

Whitbourne and Billings reported on recent meetings and the general positive impressions of this campus' performance and standing within the system on our performance on both diversity among students and among faculty/staff.

C. Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice Discussions on Campus

Bogartz raised the issue that social justice goes beyond issue of diversity and inclusion. There was a lively discussion of the scope of the issue and various ways to begin moving forward.

D. End-of-Term Overview

Discussion ensued.

E. Spring Senate Preview

President Meehan will visit. JTFRA will report. Brewer reminded that the IT Security panel is to report at the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Steven D. Brewer