

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 7, 2015
9:00 A.M.
HAMPSHIRE HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM #120**

Present: Marilyn Billings, Richard Bogartz, Nancy Cohen, Ernie May, MJ Peterson, Susan Whitbourne

1. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 21, 2014 Rules Committee meeting were approved as modified. The minutes from the December 12, 2014 Rules Committee meeting were approved.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For January 29, 2015)

Shane Conklin and other facilities representative will be invited to provide a presentation on the construction underway on campus. The Rules Committee approved ART 685, a new course approved by the Graduate Council. Other potential agenda items were tabled until the January 16th Rules Committee meeting.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presidential Search Process – Two faculty nominations requested from BOT Chairman Henry Thomas were discussed. The Committee will forward the names Chair Thomas.
- B. Three new members for JTF SO were discussed. The Committee will request that Professors Genevieve Chandler and Whitney Battle-Baptiste serve. A third member will also be selected at the January 16th Rules Committee meeting.
- C. The Committee discussed the issue of participation in Faculty Senate meetings. An *ad-hoc* subcommittee of S. Whitbourne, R. Bogartz, and MJ Peterson will discuss this further.

4. GUESTS

Guests Rick Adrion and James Allan presented plans for the College of Information and Computer Sciences (CICS) and answered questions.

Submitted by,
Nancy Cohen