

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

APRIL 22, 2015

Present: M. Billings, R. Bogartz, S. Brewer, N. Cohen, Y. Jimoh, E. May, M.J. Peterson

1. MINUTES

Minutes from the March 27, 2015 Rules Committee meeting were approved.

Minutes from the April 10, 2015 Rules Committee meeting were approved as amended.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For May 7, 2015) were approved:

- A. 2013-2014 Annual Report of the Athletic Council of the University of Massachusetts, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.**
- B. Presentation from the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight (JTFSO)
Nancy Cohen, Bryan Harvey and Amilcar Shabazz, Co-Chairs
(Questions and Discussion to Follow)**
- C. Presentation from the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (JTFRA)
Elizabeth Chilton and Timothy Anderson, Co-Chairs
(Questions and Discussion to follow)**
- D. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, Graduate, Program and Budget and Research Councils concerning the Creation of a School of Public Policy, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No. (*Report not ready at this time.*)**

If reports from the Research Council and other relevant councils are complete, there may also be motions concerning the creation of the Berthiaume Center for Entrepreneurship in Management.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. The committee discussed the Program and Budget Council statement endorsing the work of JTFRA:
"Based on several discussions in budget subcommittee and full council meetings, the Program & Budget Council (PBC) endorses the efforts of the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (JTFRA) to continue developing the processes for creating and testing a new budget model for the campus. The PBC recognizes that JTFRA comprises many different campus constituencies, including faculty, administration, and students, who have worked collaboratively to produce their report and recommendations on the Strategic Budget Allocation System. Furthermore, in light of all that has been accomplished thus far, the PBC also commends JTFRA for actively engaging the various councils and committees in their work."**

MJ Peterson will draft up a motion for Faculty Senate based on the PBC recommendation. N Cohen will draft up a motion for Faculty Senate addressing JTFSO.

- B. Rules Committee/Administration meeting agenda for Monday, April 27 was planned:**

- 1. Status of the Life Sciences Initiative (Peter Reinhart)**
- 2. Data Science Initiative (Andrew McCallum)**
- 3. Climate Science Center (Rick Palmer)**
- 4. Water Center (Dave Reckhow)**
- 5. Status of FY 2016 Budget (Sheehan, Mangels)**

- C. The Rules Committee discussed a follow-up on the conversation with Provost Katherine Newman.**

D. A discussion was also held concerning philosophical and practical issues of turf. Do centers or departments “own” a subject matter or disciplinary area? What are the standards that we use to judge this? Regarding cross-listing courses, an improved electronic system to track student completion as well as to support Faculty Senate decisions regarding these courses needs to be developed.

**Submitted by,
Nancy Cohen**