

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
RULES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 21, 2014

Present: Steven D. Brewer, Richard Bogartz, Nancy Cohen, Jim Kurose, Ernest May, MJ Peterson,
Susan Krauss Whitbourne

1. MINUTES

The Chair called for the Committee to review the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For December 11, 2014)

Since JTFRA and Football may need additional time, Nancy Cohen can specify by December 1 if JTFSO will appear on the agenda.

The Committee discussed potential candidates to recruit for the Rules Committee to represent the diversity of the campus.

The Committee discussed Phase III of JTFSO and the timeline of unit and college reports and the need to take the temperature of faculty engagement in the development of the unit reports, which appears to have been variable.

The Committee decided to remove the ACADEMIC REGULATIONS UPDATE in order to allow time for further discussion to evaluate the potential implications for "commodifying" certificates rather than having them recognize academic achievement.

The Committee discussed reordering the agenda for December 11, moving the announcements and question period until after the reports and modifying the time limits associated with the JTFSO, JTFRA and Football reports to maximize the potential for discussion.

College Budget Councils

The Committee discussed how to structure a conversation with the deans regarding college budget councils in a way that would be productive.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Program Revision: Revision of Regional Planning Masters Degree Concentration in the Dept. of LARP - <https://cps.provost.umass.edu/umacps/proposal/show/1393>
- B. New Certificate: Undergraduate Certificate in Media Literacy in the Department of Communication - <https://cps.provost.umass.edu/umacps/proposal/show/1586>
- C. JTFSO Vacancies
The Committee discussed candidates for filling the 3 vacancies in JTFSO. A list of names was generated.

Respectfully submitted by,
Steven D. Brewer