

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST  
RULES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 12, 2014**

Present: Anne Benz, Marilyn Billings, Richard Bogartz, Nancy Cohen, Ernest May, James Rinderle

**1. GUEST**

**J. Eliot Moss, Chair, Research Council – Open Access Policy**

Eliot reviewed the work that the Research Council has done regarding a UMass Amherst Open Access Policy this semester. He has created a model that has been based on the Harvard policy. The main concern is to make sure that the policy doesn't add to faculty work load. The Council approved the draft policy this morning. Eliot is writing a FAQ by end of calendar year to go along with the policy. It will now go to Graduate Council and Research Library Council for their review. Discussion ensued about other next steps including possible visits to college and school faculty meetings during spring semester. College of Humanities and Fine Arts meeting is January 21.

**2. MINUTES**

There were no minutes from the November 21, 2014 Rules Committee meeting.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Inserted discussion of yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting: agreed to limit presentations and reports to 2 per Senate meeting; to confirm Robert's Rules of Order for quorum for items on agenda, items not on agenda.

**A. Program Revisions:**

1. <https://cps.provost.umass.edu/umacps/proposal/show/1259>  
**Sent to the Academic Matters and Program and Budget Councils**
2. <https://cps.provost.umass.edu/umacps/proposal/show/1255>  
**Sent to Academic Matters Council**

**B. Three faculty members needed for JTFSO**

Nancy Cohen will discuss with MJ Peterson to recruit faculty members that represent Colleges.

**C. Topics for spring 2015 Faculty Senate presentations**

Possible topics coming out of Board of Trustees meetings such as deferred maintenance strategy. Provost's Advisory Committee, Academy of Amherst, First-year seminars  
Strategic planning at unit levels

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Billings