

## MINUTES

Rules Committee Meeting  
February 22, 2013

Attending: Bartolomeo, Brewer, Butterfield, May, Peterson, O'Connor, and Adrion.

1. Discussed the negative vote on the academic calendar at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Senate meeting. Decided to ask Dave Gross to serve on the Calendar Committee and ask the Calendar Committee to survey faculty, staff, administrators and students on issues such as: pre-Labor Day start, end and start date for spring semester, holding classes on state holidays, etc.
2. The Committee approved minutes from the 2/7/13 meeting. Marilyn Billings was unable to attend, but will submit the minutes for the 12/6/12 at a future date.
3. Approved agenda for March 14 Senate meeting
4. Discussed bottlenecks on councils, particularly on AMC and its course approval subcommittee. Discussed the need for more credit for service in faculty evaluations.
5. Program Revision Assignments:
  - a. Revisions to requirements for the UG Major and Minor in the WGSS – assigned to AMC
  - b. Certificate in Cultural Landscape Management – assigned to APC, PBC and GC
6. Discussed the School & College Policy. Will the BoT agree to allow campuses to define schools within colleges and/or rename schools & colleges and report to the BoT rather than have BoT formally approve? Amherst campus has proposed that the BoT approve the campus policy on schools & colleges, approve the designation of Stockbridge and Computer Science as schools, and approve a transition of current schools led by deans (Nursing, ISOM and PHHS) to colleges.
7. Discussed various issues related to FBS football:
  - a. Since the Senate “accepts” but does not “approve” reports, decided that Brett Alberts’ proposed motion (essentially to rescind approval of the Ad Hoc Committee on FBS football report) required no action. Decided to suggest that the Ad Hoc Committee on FBS football take care to follow standard procedure on informing participants and parties.
  - b. Changed the March 1 due date for Councils to consider issues and report on FBS football options to May 1. Emphasize that they should address Question #6.
  - c. With a May 1 reporting date for Councils, it is unlikely that the Senate will consider a new motion on FBS football this spring, and agreed that a more appropriate time would be after the 2013 football season is complete.

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