

**Minutes: Rules Committee Meeting-UMass Faculty Senate, Friday, April 19, 2013, 8:15-9:50AM
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**Present: Tony Butterfield, Steve Brewer, Ernie May, Joe Bartolomeo, MJ Peterson, Rick Adrion,
Brian O'Connor, Marilyn Billings**

Guests: Aaron Karp-alumnus, Ariel Walcutt, Varshini Prakash-current undergraduate students

- 1. Aaron Karp led an explanation and rationale for the “UMass Divestment Initiative” regarding the University holding stock with businesses in fossil fuels. He and his two colleagues (current students here) gave a detailed description of the real and potential damages to the world with excessive use of fossil fuels over the next few decades. The committee agreed that he was “preaching to the choir” and we recommended that he get the other system campuses on board and prepare a presentation to the Board of Trustees. The Rules Committee agreed to discuss how to prepare an appropriate motion for the Fall 2013 Faculty Senate meetings.**
- 2. Minutes: Minutes of the April 5 Rules Committee submitted by Tony Butterfield were approved. (There was a brief discussion about the low response on the OGCA survey of PI’s and it was agreed that VC Malone will continue to monitor this poll and encourage more participation.)**
- 3. Faculty Senate Agenda Items for May 2, 2013-briefly-Annual Report of the Athletic Council-2011-2012, Bylaw Changes (3rd reading), approval of new courses and Special Report of the Committee on Committees are all on the agenda and the Revision of the Degree Requirements for the BBA Departments in the ISOM recently approved by AMC was added to the agenda. It is expected that additional items will be added to the agenda in the next few days.**
- 4. Discussion Items:
Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education-referred to Graduate Council, Program and Budget Council and Academic Priorities Council.
Revision of the M.Arch. Program to change its requirements to 57 course credits-referred to Graduate Council.
Electronic Mail Policies and Practices Review-agreed that clarification has to occur and will be discussed with the new CIO.
Facilities & Campus Services Flow Chart-Ernie summarized the current arrangement and responsibilities as recommended by an outside consultant.
HERIT 560 and 563-agreed that no action be taken until AMC takes these courses off the table.
Steve Brewer presented a description of the proposed Information and Communication Technology Council with its proposed charge and composition. Agreed that this will be added to Ernie’s Secretary’s Notes and will also be submitted as a revision to the Bylaws.**

Respectfully submitted,

W. Brian O'Connor