

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Rules Committee  
Friday, May 3, 2013

Present: Rick Adrion, Joe Bartolomeo, Marilyn Billings, Steve Brewer, Tony Butterfield, Ernie May, Brian O'Connor, Ralph Whitehead

The committee approved the minutes for the meeting of Friday, April 26, 2013.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The committee received from Hongmei Sun, President of the Graduate Student Senate, a memo of endorsement of a call for UMass Divestment from Fossil Fuels. The committee expressed its desire for resumption of consideration of this proposal to occur in the fall.

Since the May 9 meeting of the Senate will focus solely on the motion for an approval-in-principle of the strategic planning document, there was discussion of the format to be followed in the presentation of the gist of the document and the many formal responses to it that have occurred during the review-and-comment period that has been unfolding.

The contract of the Athletic Director will be coming up for renewal during the coming academic year. Also, this coming year will be the fifth year of the Provost's service, and thus would be time for evaluation. The committee will inquire of the administration.

The committee supports the email that comments on confidentiality arrangements.

The committee discussed the amount of time that it now takes to complete the process of recruiting a new faculty member. To what degree is the current expenditure of time fixed, because it is set by legal mandates? To what degree is it within the control of the campus? To the degree that it is controlled by the campus, is the campus using its control to make sure that the process moves expeditiously enough to make sure that we are not losing top candidates to other places because we don't move as quickly as they do?

The committee discussed what its summer schedule of meetings might be, but didn't set specific dates for them yet. After the election on May 2 of a new presiding officer and a new delegate to the Board of Trustees, they will attend meetings of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Whitehead, Jr.