

MINUTES
Rules Committee Meeting May 15, 2013

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

1. **Minutes:** *The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the May 3, 2013 meeting*

2. **New Business (refer to the Agenda for full titles)**

Tony Butterfield noted that he had participated in Graduate Council and Program & Budget Council discussions of items A-H. Tony recommended approval.

A. New courses: MANAGMNT 241, HERIT 560 & HERIT 563

Action: Approved on behalf of the full Faculty Senate.

B. iCons Concentration in Biology & Public Health

Since some questions were raised about the iCons Concentration, the Committee placed a call to Elizabeth Connor who confirmed that Biology has approved the Concentration.

Action: Approved on behalf of the full Faculty Senate.

C. MBA Curriculum

D. 5-College Ethnomusicology Certificate

E. Online Certificate in Casino Management

F. Online Certificate in Meeting and Event Planning

G. Departmental Autonomy for Communications and Journalism

Action: Items C-G approved on behalf of the full Faculty Senate.

H. Institute for Social Science Research

There was a brief discussion of the relationship of the ISSR and the Institute for Computational Social Science being formed/developed.

Action: Approved on behalf of the full Faculty Senate.

I. Universidad de Montevideo

J. Copenhagen Business School

K. Pontifica Universidade Católica Do Rio de Janiero

L. University of Bologna Forli

M. Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sol

Action: Exchange agreements I-M approved on behalf of the full Faculty Senate.

N. Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees

Action: Approved on behalf of the full Faculty Senate.

3. **Discussion items**

A. Cluster Hire Report from the Research Council

Agreed that the RC Report was thoughtful and informative. Ernie May noted that there was an RFP forthcoming for 10-25 "cluster" positions with a focus on classroom technology.

B. Upcoming meetings:

Rules/administration May 20 and June 17 (both WBR) and ACOSS June 15 (30 Boltwood/Lord Jeffrey Inn). Agreed that agenda for May 20 is fine; add a discussion of the Chancellor's visit to Amherst Town Meeting for the June 17 meeting.

C. Other: 50-50 Plan, FY2014 Budget and Rules Committee Chair.

There was a brief discussion of Legislative action on the 50-50 plan & FY14 budget.

Action: MJ Peterson was unanimously elected to serve as Rules Committee Chair for the summer, replacing Joe Bartolomeo who had to step down due to his new administrative role.

Submitted: June 2, 2013 by Rick Adrion