

Minutes

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Faculty Senate Rules Committee November 30, 2012

The meeting was started at 8:15AM.

Attendance:

Rick Adrion, Joe Bartolomeo, Marilyn Billings, Tony Butterfield, Ernie May, Brian O'Connor, MJ Peterson, Amilcar Shabazz; Guest: Senator Frank Hugus for the latter part of meeting

Minutes:

Minutes of the October 12, 2012 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Marilyn Billings were approved.
Minutes of the November 16, 2012 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Brian O'Connor were approved.

FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS for December 11, 2012 meeting were discussed and approved.

- A. "Interim Report and Update by the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight"
- B. Approval of new courses by the Graduate Council
- C. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Changes to the Undergraduate Major in English, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- D. Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Changes to the Structure of Requirements in the Journalism Program, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- E. Special Report of the Graduate Council concerning an Increase in Credits for the M.S. in Sport Management, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- F. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Program and Budget and Research Councils concerning the Establishment of a School of Computer Science, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- G. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Leadership, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- H. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning an MBA with a Focus in Entrepreneurship, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- I. Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

(NEW REPORTS)

- A. Interim Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on FBS Football, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.
- B. Annual Report of the University Writing Committee, AY 2011-2012, as presented in Sen. Doc. No.
- C. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Five College Queer and Sexuality Studies Certificate, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.
- D. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning Changes in the Core Requirements of the Engineering Management Degree Program, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No. pending approval at its November 29 meeting at 4:00 p.m.)
- E. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Dual Degree – Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)/Master of Regional Planning (MRP), as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. New Center: Commonwealth Center for Digital Forensics – referred to appropriate Senate committees for review
- B. Program Revision: Requirement of Chemistry majors to receive the grad of C- or higher in all Chemistry courses and courses required by the Department – referred to appropriate Senate committees for review
- C. It was agreed that topics for the Rules Committee/Administration meeting on December 10, would include: Status of the Graduate Program Review (McCarthy); Status of the Undergraduate Program Review (Barr, Harvey); Reorganization of Research Support (Malone, Rotello); Strategic Planning; FY 2013 Budget Request; Articles from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* dated November 19, 2012 – “College, Reinvented” and from Masslive.com dated November 17, 2012 – “Editorial: A UMass campus for Springfield?”
- D. Upon Senator Hugus’s arrival discussion began on the request he and other senators signed asking the Rules Committee to include the following Motion:

WHEREAS: the campus remains under growing debt and fiscal pressure, and

Whereas: the move to FBS football has required and will require additional spending and debt obligations by the campus, and

Whereas: the costs have significantly and consistently risen beyond what was budgeted for the program,

MOVED That the Faculty Senate call on the university administration to reverse the decision to move to FBS football and direct the Rules Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on FBS Football to work with the Chancellor and President to develop a plan for withdrawal from FBS football to be presented to the full Faculty Senate at its first spring semester meeting, on January 31, 2013.

Senator Shabazz expressed his opinion that this motion was ill-advised and premature and asked Senator Hugus to explain why such a motion should be put before the Senate on the day that its Ad Hoc committee on FBS Football makes its report. Discussion ensued on the merits and timing of the motion with the result being that the Rules Committee denied the request in favor of giving the Senate the opportunity to digest the report and respond with appropriate follow up. Some discussion occurred about the possibility of drafting an alternative motion requesting from the Chancellor an assessment of the cost for reversing the FBS football decision.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at --AM.

Respectfully submitted by Amilcar Shabazz with information from colleagues on the part that he missed near the end of the meeting.