UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

The 757th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate
will be held on April 7, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall, Room 227.

A. PRESENTATION BY J. ELIOT MOSS, CHAIR OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL
"OPEN ACCESS TO FACULTY PUBLICATIONS" (10 min.)
(QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW) (5 min.)

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (20 min.)

SENATE DISCUSSION OF MINIMUM CLASS SIZE POLICY

This discussion is intended to inform the Rules Committee regarding faculty views so it can participate more effectively in campus efforts to develop guidelines relating to course cancellation by considering four central questions: 1) What is a “course” for purposes of the guidelines?, 2) Should there be a single cutoff at which low enrollment makes a course “too small”?, 3) What are or are not reasonable thresholds for regarding the enrollment in a course as too low for it to be offered in a particular semester?, and 4) How can course cancellation guidelines be implemented in ways that do not have significant negative effects on students’ ability to maintain progress in their programs and reach completion in a timely fashion?

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Principal Administrative Officers
2. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate
3. The Chair of the Rules Committee
4. The Faculty Delegates to the Board of Trustees
5. The Representative of the Massachusetts Society of Professors
6. The President of the Graduate Student Senate
7. The President of the Student Government Association
8. The Student Trustee

D. QUESTION PERIOD

E. ANNUAL REPORT


(OVER)
NEW COURSES

CONSENT AGENDA
[A consent agenda may be presented by the Presiding Officer at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda.]

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MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the courses COMP-LIT 340, HISTORY 220 and 394, LEGAL 319 and 394, PSYCH 201, PUBHLTH 223, SOCIOL 330, WOMENSST 291 and CHEM-ENG 579, as recommended by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Resolution Opposing Hate Speech at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Whereas, the University of Massachusetts Amherst in its Diversity Strategic Plan has affirmed its commitment to diversity, social justice, and inclusive excellence as strategic priorities (https://www.umass.edu/chancellor/sites/default/files/Diversity-Strategic-Plan-04-06-15.pdf); and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate supports diversity as a UMass strategic priority; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate affirms its commitment to an educational environment and campus community in which academic freedom prevails, disparate viewpoints and ideas can be expressed and debated, and a multiplicity of persons can thrive while actions of bigotry, hatred, exclusion, anti-Semitism, and racism toward them should not; and

Whereas, in February and March 2016, members of the campus community at UMass Amherst witnessed appalling incidents of racist and anti-Semitic hate speech; and

Whereas, the recent incidents of hate speech together with similar actions at UMass Amherst in 2014 are contrary to the goals in the Diversity Strategic Plan and the Diversity Mission Statement of the University of Massachusetts Amherst (http://www.umass.edu/diversity/about); and

Whereas, everyone on the campus of the University of Massachusetts Amherst deserves equal rights and justice as well as the ability to exist in peace in a welcoming environment; and

Whereas, hate speech is abhorrent to the Faculty Senate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst,

MOTION: Therefore be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate opposes hate speech and rejects behavior that demeans the personhood of anyone regardless of race, gender, sexuality, religion, color, age, viewpoint, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, or national origins, and that we support vigorous efforts at all levels of the University of Massachusetts toward ending such vile behavior and toward actively creating an educational environment that can contribute to moving humanity in the direction of our greatest ideals, which are necessarily antithetical to the goals of hate speech.
2. **Special Report of the Research Council concerning a Policy for Open Access to Faculty Publications, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-044 with Motion No. 22-16.**

**MOTION:** That the Faculty Senate endorse the Policy for Open Access to Faculty Publications, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-044.

3. **Special Report of the Provost concerning the Creation of a Localized Distance Learning Program in Collaboration with Shorelight Education, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-045 with Motion No. 23-16.**

**MOTION:** That the Faculty Senate approve the Creation of a Localized Distance Learning Program in Collaboration with Shorelight Education, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-045.

4. **Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to be named the Shorelight Program Advisory Committee, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-046 with Motion No. 24-16.**

**MOTION:** That the Faculty Senate approve the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to be named the Shorelight Program Advisory Committee, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-046.

**H. OLD BUSINESS**

Special Report of the Graduate Council concerning a New Concentration: Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a Focus in Business Analytics, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-042 with Motion No. 19-16. (*Tabled from the 756th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate. Report previously distributed.*)

**MOTION:** That the Faculty Senate approve the New Concentration: Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a Focus in Business Analytics, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-042.