A. 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

B. QUESTION PERIOD

C. ELECTION

PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Nominee: Richard Bogartz, Psychological and Brain Sciences

(Further nominations will be accepted from the floor.)

D. SPECIAL MOTION OF THANKS TO PROFESSOR JUDITH GOODENOUGH

At this the 758th regular meeting of the Faculty Senate, held on April 28, 2016, we have the privilege of honoring you on the occasion of your retirement from the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. We applaud your leadership in faculty governance.

We note your service to the University as Senator, 1998-2016; member of the General Education Council, 2000-2016; member of the Status of Women Council, 2004-2010; member of the Undergraduate Education Council, 2005-2016; member of the Nominating Committee, 2000-2016; member of the University Press Committee 2000-2009; member of the University Writing Committee 2014-2016 and member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Plagiarism, Ad Hoc Committee on General Education Revision and Implementation and General Education Task Force.

E. MOTION FROM A GROUP OF SENATORS

Whereas, given our university's enormous needs in terms of hiring faculty, repairing ailing infrastructure, and supporting our students; and

Whereas, given the hikes in tuition the university has had to impose after two years of no fee increases; and

Whereas, given the high-cost of operating and marketing a Division I football program, which has shifted millions of dollars away from core teaching and research activities; and

Whereas, given the very low attendance at games by students and alumni; and
Whereas, given the fact that after five years of this initiative, UMass' team will, in the fall of 2016, be without a conference, joining only Notre Dame, Army and Brigham Young University; and

Whereas, given the recent advances in our understanding of the physically destructive nature of football collisions, which may result in some of our student athletes leading shortened, physically and mentally debilitated lives, therefore be it

MOTION: Resolved, that the Faculty Senate urge Chancellor Subbaswamy, President Meehan, and the Board of Trustees of the University to end Division I football (Football Bowl Subdivision) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and either move to a different division or discontinue NCAA football altogether.

F. NEW COURSES

CONSENT AGENDA

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MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the courses AFROAM 392, COMPSCI 150, 266, 267 and 269, JOURNAL 436, MUSIC 160, SOCIOL 326 and ECO 622 and 645, as recommended by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils.

G. NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 1-14)

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2. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Revision of the Biotechnology Concentration in the Animal Science Major in the Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-048 with Motion No. 27-16.

3. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities and Graduate Councils concerning a Program Name Change in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures: Asian Languages and Literatures to East Asian Languages and Cultures, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-049 with Motion No. 27-16.
4. Special Report of the Academic Priorities and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Proposal for an Emeritus Academy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-050 with Motion No. 27-16.

5. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning Revision of the Masters in Public Health with a Concentration in Biostatistics, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-051 with Motion No. 27-16.

6. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning Revision of the Master of Business Administration/Master of Science (MBA/MS) Sport Management Dual Degree Program, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-052 with Motion No. 27-16.

7. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Certificate in Business Analytics, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-053 with Motion No. 27-16.


10. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Certificate in Statistical and Computational Data Science, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-056 with Motion No. 27-16.

11. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, Graduate, Program and Budget and Research Councils concerning the Establishment of a Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) in the College of Engineering, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-057 with Motion No. 27-16.

12. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Biomedical Engineering, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-058 with Motion No. 27-16.

13. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Biomedical Engineering, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-059 with Motion No. 27-16.

14. Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning a Ph.D. Degree in Biomedical Engineering, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-060 with Motion No. 27-16.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve 1) the Revision of the Requirements for the Major in Hospitality and Tourism Management, 2) the Revision of the Biotechnology Concentration in the Animal Science Major in the Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, 3) the Program Name Change in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures: Asian Languages and Literatures to East Asian Languages and Cultures, 4) the Proposal for an Emeritus Academy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, 5) the Revision of the Masters in Public Health with a Concentration in Biostatistics, 6) the Revision of the Master of Business Administration/Master of Science (MBA/MS) Sport Management Dual Degree Program, 7) the Certificate in Business Analytics, 8) the Certificate in Business Leadership, 9) the Certificate in Genomic Data Science, 10) the Certificate in Statistical and Computational Data Science, 11) the Establishment of a Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) in the College of Engineering, 12) the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Biomedical Engineering, 13) the Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Biomedical Engineering and 14) the Ph.D. Degree in Biomedical Engineering, as presented in Sen. Doc. Nos. 16-047, 16-048, 16-049, 16-050, 16-051, 16-052, 16-053, 16-054, 16-055, 16-056, 16-057, 16-058, 16-059 and 16-060.

15. Special Report of the Nominating Committee concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-061 with Motion No. 28-16.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-061.
H. OLD BUSINESS (Tabled from the 757th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate)

A Resolution on an Inclusive Campus at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Whereas, the University of Massachusetts Amherst in its Diversity Strategic Plan has affirmed its commitment to diversity, 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, justice, and inclusive excellence as the University of Massachusetts Amherst strategic priorities; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate affirms its commitment to an educational environment and campus community in which academic freedom and free speech prevail, disparate and provocative viewpoints and ideas can be expressed and debated, while rejecting acts of hostility, bigotry, hatred, discrimination, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and racism; and

Whereas, in February, March, and April 2016, members of the campus community at the University of Massachusetts Amherst witnessed appalling incidents of racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-Islamic behavior; and

Whereas, such actions at the University of Massachusetts Amherst 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 pursue intellectual inquiry in an inclusive setting, therefore be it

MOTION: Resolved that the Faculty Senate, while affirming academic freedom and freedom of speech, opposes demeaning the personhood of anyone regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, color, age, viewpoint, ethnicity, ability, or national origin, and that we support efforts at all levels of the University of Massachusetts to actively create an inclusive campus community and educational environment.