

**SPECIAL REPORT**

of the

**RULES COMMITTEE**

concerning

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPLES OF ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS  
INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL  
(SEN. DOC. NO. 93-027)**

Presented at the  
584<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
November 30, 2000

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**Special Report of the Rules Committee  
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Amendments to the Principles of Association  
of the  
University of Massachusetts Intercampus Faculty Council  
(Sen. Doc. No. 93-027)**

*Commentary:*

**Most state university systems have established faculty governance bodies at the System level, in order to exercise faculty primary responsibility in academic matters and shared governance in all other matters. Such faculty governance functions are critical to maintaining the academic quality of the System. Without superceding the rights or authority of any existing campus governance unit, the amended Principles of Association establish appropriate authority for the Council to oversee all academic programs whose chief administrative officer reports to the University System President or Vice President, or to their designee, rather than to the Chancellor or Provost of one of the campuses.**

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL  
PRINCIPLES OF ASSOCIATION  
(NOVEMBER 8, 2000)**

- I. NAME.** The name of this association shall be the University of Massachusetts Intercampus Faculty Council (hereinafter “the Council”).
- II. PURPOSE.** This Council is not meant to supercede any currently existing campus-based faculty governance procedure. The Council shall have the following purposes:
- (1) to foster the sharing of information on academic governance and other matters among the faculties of the five University campuses;
  - (2) to serve as liaison between the faculty governance bodies of the five campuses and the President and Board of Trustees of the University;
  - (3) to make recommendations concerning academic governance and other matters to the faculty governance bodies;
  - (4) to exercise faculty primary responsibility in such academic matters as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, admissions, libraries, and other aspects of University life which directly relate to the educational process, with respect to all academic programs whose chief administrative officer reports to the University System President or Vice President, or to their designee, rather than to the Chancellor or Provost of one of the campuses;
  - (5) to exercise faculty responsibility for shared governance with respect to all academic programs whose chief administrative officer reports to the University System President or Vice President, or to their designee, rather than to the Chancellor or Provost of one of the campuses.
- III. MEMBERSHIP.** Members shall consist of the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees plus the two highest officers (or their equivalent) of the faculty governance bodies of the five campuses. Other faculty members may attend Council meetings as participant observers upon invitation by the Council or by Council members from the host campus.
- IV. OFFICERS.** The officers of the Council shall be a Chair and a Secretary, each from a different campus, to be elected annually in September by the members. The Chair shall, in consultation with the membership, announce meetings; set topics for discussion; and chair meetings. The Secretary shall take notes of each meeting; prepare copies of recommendations and statements for dissemination to faculty governance bodies, campus and University administrators, and other relevant parties; and maintain Council records. Members are responsible for the dissemination of Council statements and other recommendations to their respective faculties.
- V. MEETINGS.** The Council shall meet at least twice each semester at different campuses. Whenever possible, these meetings should coincide with scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees.

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate ratify the amended Principles of Association of the  
**11-01** University of Massachusetts Intercampus Faculty Council in Sen. Doc. No. 93-027A,  
as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 01-014.