Welcome Back, Senators!

The first Faculty Senate meeting of this academic year is scheduled for Thursday 10 September 2015 from 3:30-5 pm in Herter 227.

After a brief welcome from Chancellor Subbaswamy, we will hear an address by Massachusetts Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, whose district includes Amherst, and there will be an opportunity for Q and A.

Chancellor Subbaswamy will then address the Senate as well, followed by another round of Q and A.

The meeting agenda also includes three elections:

- Associate Delegate to the Board of Trustees,
- One at-large member of the Rules Committee, and
- Chair of the Rules Committee

The Rules Committee has decided that all nominations will be made from the floor. While members of the Rules Committee will be making nominations, all elected Senators can make nominations. Any elected Senator is eligible for the first two positions; the chair of the Rules Committee must be an at-large member of the Rules Committee.

Those planning to make nominations should check that the person they wish to nominate is willing to serve so the Senate can be spared the awkwardness of an individual put forward declining nomination (which they have every right to do).

The Senate will also receive two Council Reports and confirm some routine decisions taken by the Rules Committee on its behalf over the summer.

Best wishes for a productive and fulfilling year.

MJ Peterson
Secretary of the Faculty Senate