The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT

FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council
Draft Minutes
September 12, 2016,

Present: Professors Almstead, Barnaby, Beckage, Burns, Carney, Chittenden, Danks, Feurzeig, Mehrtens, Paris, Pechenick

Absent: Professors Carney, Gurdon, Prue, Rodgers

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in Waterman 427A.

I. **Approval of April 25, 2016 Minutes** – The minutes were approved as written.

II. **Degree Corrections –** Laurie Eddy presented degree correction requests from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the College of Arts and Sciences.
Cathy Paris called a vote.
Motion: To approve the degree corrections as presented.
Motion carried.

III. **President's Welcome and Remarks** – Cathy Paris welcomed Brian Beckage, new member-at-large, and introductions were made around the table. Cathy reviewed the charge of the Executive Council and specific duties as outlined in the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws. Meeting agendas will be posted on the Faculty Senate website one week prior to scheduled meetings. Cathy requested that members submit agenda items no later than 10 days prior scheduled meetings. Submissions may be made to Cathy, or to Laurie in the Faculty Senate office. As a reminder, the CAC agenda items are presented to the Executive Council as a consent agenda. Cathy highlighted some of the recent activities and accomplishments of the Faculty Senate including:

- building stronger ties with the College of Medicine
- launched the UVM Faculty Development Series, a year-long program designed to assist faculty in acquiring the knowledge and skills to succeed as 21st century educators and maintain excellence in research and scholarly activities. The theme for the inaugural series is *The Role of Faculty in the Success of 21st Century College Students*. The series kicked off with a campus-wide faculty meeting in August, and another event is being planned for October with keynote speaker Maureen Reed from Ryerson College in Toronto.
- established closer communication and partnership with the Council of Deans
- reviewed the proposal for the Institute for the Environment
- Planning for a Faculty Senate sponsored forum on the IBB budget model to be held at the October 24th Faculty Senate meeting. Four faculty members representing four academic units will serve as panelists to field questions distilled from the February 2016 roundtables. The panelists have all

served on subcommittees of the IBB steering committee. Faculty member Dave Barrington will be discussion moderator. All faculty will be invited to attend.

IV. **Graduate Student Senate & Student Government Association Committee Members** – Cathy Paris reminded members that the Faculty Senate bylaws (7.1.2.3 Student Members) state that "standing committees may invite graduate and/or undergraduate students designated by student governing bodies on a one-year renewable basis to serve on the committee." The SAC and ERTC membership "shall include a graduate and undergraduate student member designated by student governing bodies, renewable yearly." As members, the students have voting privileges. Cathy Paris met with the leadership of the GSS and SGA in the spring to invite them to appoint members to five of the Faculty Senate Standing committees. Students have not been invited to serve on the Professional Standards Committee. The GSS has appointed members, and the SGA is also expected to appoint members. The Senate Executive Council will review student membership for the CAC, FPPC and RSCA prior to invitations being extended for the 2017-2018 term.

V. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Tuesday, Sept 20, 3-4 p.m.**

- A discussion around the commitment of funds for the proposed Institute on the Environment.
- If time allows, a discussion on the future of the IBB steering committee – sunset or purpose?

VI. **Curricular Affairs Report** – Laura Almstead presented the consent agenda

Consent Agenda (vote)

1. *CDE Certificate of Health Care Management Termination*
2. *Certificate of Graduate Study in Health Care Management & Policy*
3. *Report Out items*

Laura Almstead called for a vote on the consent agenda.
Motion: Thomas Chittenden moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

VII. **Proposal Institute for Environment** – Cathy Paris and Chris Burns provided an overview of review process for the proposed Institute for Environment. An ad hoc committee was formed to review the proposal. The members are Cathy Paris, President of Faculty Senate, Chris Burns, Chair of the RSCA, and Christine Wojewoda of the CAC. The Environmental Institute at the University of Vermont has been planned over a period of four years, in discussions involving faculty across all of our schools and colleges. A major gift opportunity appears to make it possible to launch the Institute now. The ad hoc committee charged with reviewing the proposal recommends it without reservation. The proposal abstract was circulated to all faculty with a request for comments. No comments have so far been received. The proposal now comes to the Executive Committee as a seconded motion to place it on the Faculty Senate agenda for the September 26th meeting.
Cathy Paris called a vote.
Motion: Alison Pechenik moved to add the Proposal for an Environmental Institute to the September 26th Faculty Senate agenda.
Vote: 6 approved, 3 opposed, 0 abstained.

VIII. **Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting of September 26**

- Minutes of the May 17 meeting
- Resolution in Memoriam for Dr. Donald Balch, ASCI, CALS (Josey Davis)
- President's Remarks
- "Senate 101"
- Presentation of new Senate website (Laurie Eddy)
- Update on Assessment at UVM (J. Dickinson)
- CAC Business (Laura Almstead)

- Institute on Environment Proposal (move to beginning – 20 minutes?)

IX. **New Business -** none presented.

X. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.