



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

December 12, 2016 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Waterman 427A

Draft Minutes

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

Absent: Professors Prue, Rodgers

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. in Waterman 427A

- I. **Approval of November 14, 2016 Minutes.** The minutes were approved as written.
- II. **Chair's Remarks.** Cathy Paris reminded the Executive Council that they had agreed at the November meeting to draft a resolution reaffirming the UVM Our Common Ground document. The plan to draft and execute a resolution did not happen prior to the November meeting, and as a result, President Paris made a general statement to the Senate affirming the principles of Our Common Ground. Although a resolution was not prepared in time for the November meeting, President Paris and Vice President Carney had discussed the benefit of timing a resolution for the January Senate meeting, which will occur shortly after the Inauguration of President Trump. However, in early December, the Faculty Senate received a petition from members of the Senate to promptly put a motion for a different resolution on the agenda for a vote. The resolution was derived from a statement by the faculty of MIT. Discussion included content and timing of a resolution to the Senate. **Motion:** Laura Almstead moved that the Executive Council fully embrace and support a resolution to endorse the concept of a statement in support of our values. With the expectation of greater impact for a statement in January, the Executive Council recommends that the statement be put forward at the January Faculty Senate meeting, by which time members of the Executive Council, in cooperation with other senators, will have time to craft a statement.
The motion was seconded and carried.
Jan Carney will work with Tom Streeter to craft the statement prior to the January Senate meeting.
- III. **Degree Corrections.** Laurie Eddy presented degree corrections from the Graduate College, and from the College of Arts & Sciences. Cathy Paris called a vote.
Motion: Almstead moved to approve the degree corrections as presented.
The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. **Curricular Affairs Report.** Laura Almstead presented one item approved by the Curricular Affairs Committee that does not require a Faculty Senate vote. The College of Arts and Sciences submitted a proposal for a new Global Health Concentration in the Anthropology Major.

Cathy Paris called a vote to approve the CAC Consent Agenda for inclusion on the December Faculty Senate agenda. **The motion carried.**

V. **Academic Integrity Policy.** Thomas Chittenden provided an update on the Student Affairs Committee's work to modify the current Academic Integrity policy. The proposed changes include the addition of language to provide clarity, and one structural change that will provide a mechanism for student appeals. The suggested revision is not ready to be presented to the Senate for a vote, and is currently in the hands of UVM General Counsel. A revised version is expected in February. The SAC will present an overview of the effort to the Faculty Senate at the December meeting. Feedback on the proposed changes is welcome.

VI. **Plan for recording and distributing brief summary of Senate meetings: if we think this would be useful, how will it be accomplished?** President Paris opened the discussion, and stated that there is currently no plan in place, and that the Senate office staff cannot add this to their workload. Discussion included the responsibility and expectation that Senators will report back to their units, and the varied success of that expectation. Thomas Chittenden reported that the Vermont Open Meeting law states that draft minutes be posted five days after a meeting. Michael Gurdon suggested that the approved minutes be sent to the full faculty list, not just the Senators.

VII. **December 19 Senate meeting agenda**

- Minutes of the November 28 meeting *2 min*
- Senate President's Remarks *5 min*
- President and Provost's Remarks *5 min*
- Provost Rosowsky on IBB with Q & A *30 min*
- CAC Business *10 min*
- Senate Committee Reports:
 - David, ERTC *5 min*
 - Thomas & Jen, SAC *5 min*
- SAC on Academic Integrity *10 min*
- New business *5 min*
- Adjourn

VIII. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Thursday, December 15, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m**

Follow-up on Richard Cate's November 28th budget presentation, including:

- a description of how the donor money is used to address the \$6M gap between income and expense.
- Long-term plans for fixing the \$6M gap

Michael Gurdon raised the issue of the reintegration of Extension into CALS, and asked if it would be brought up at a future meeting with the President and Provost.

IX. **New Business.** None at this time.

Adjourn – Laura Almstead moved to adjourn this meeting and put the issue of shared governance on the agenda for a future meeting. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

2017 Executive Council Meetings

All meetings are held on Mondays, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 9
Feb. 13
March 13
April 10
May 8

2017 Meetings with the President and Provost

All meetings are held in the President's Conference Room

Wed, Jan 18, 3-4 p.m.
Wed, Feb 22, 3-4 p.m.
Thurs, March 23, 3-4 p.m.
Wed, April 19, 3-4 p.m.
Tues, May 9, 2:30 -3:30 p.m.