



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

March 20, 2017 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Waterman 327

Minutes

Present: Professors Almstead, Barnaby, Beckage, Chittenden, Danks, Gurdon, Paris, Toolin

Absent: Professors Burns, Carney, Mehrtens, Pechenick, Prue, Rodgers

Guests: Brian Reed

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. in Waterman 327

1. **Approval of February 13, 2017 Minutes.** The minutes were approved as written.
Vote: 6 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
2. **Degree Corrections.** Degree corrections were requested from the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
Motion: To approve the degree corrections as presented.
Vote: 6 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
3. **Chair's Remarks** - Cathy Paris reported that she received a proposal from Meaghan Emery for a faculty roundtable on free speech. The proposal was spurred by recent events at Middlebury College, and asks the Faculty Senate and the UA to co-sponsor a faculty-led roundtable discussion in April. Resources and timing were discussed. The Senate budget does not include resources to contribute, and April provides a very short planning time. Cathy will distribute the email from Meaghan Emery to the Executive Council members to consider and provide feedback.
4. **Curricular Affairs Report** – The CAC consent agenda included the following:
 - Proposal for a new Certificate of Graduate Study in Agroecology. Submitted by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, this program capitalizes on faculty expertise

and initiatives unique to UVM in an area where there is a societal need and student demand.

- Proposal for new Minor in Education for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity. Submitted by the College of Education and Social Services, this new minor will enhance the education of both Education majors who are preparing to teach in PreK-12 schools with English language learners and non-Education majors who will work in professions in diverse settings by providing valuable training in the impact of multiculturalism, language learning issues, and diversity.
- Proposal for Quantitative Reasoning General Education Requirement. The proposal for a University-wide General Education requirement in Quantitative Reasoning was developed by a committee of faculty. If approved, undergraduates entering fall 2017 must meet the QR requirement by completing a course, curriculum, or co-curriculum approved by the Faculty Senate QR Curriculum Review Committee. The QR requirement is intended to assure that graduates of UVM possess the ability to think critically, evaluate information, and reason quantitatively in order to excel in their chosen field and to perform as successful citizens in the world.

Motion: To approve the CAC consent agenda for inclusion on the March 27 Faculty Senate agenda.

Vote: 7 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

5. **Defining the Role of the FPPC** – Andrew Barnaby continued the conversation, which began at the February Executive Council meeting. Andrew provided a handout (attached to these minutes) of notes from the last FPPC meeting, outlining two levels of changes that could enable the FPPC to have a more active and meaningful role. Michael Gurdon provided an historical view of the charge of the FPPC, and noted the importance of the preamble to the Faculty Senate Constitution, highlighting shared governance. Cathy Paris suggested that the current charge of the FPPC is too broad, and that the committee has not been given the latitude to carry it out. Andrew pointed to the handout which lists two categories of potential changes. The items under category #1 could be decided by the Faculty Senate. The items under #2 would require recognition by or cooperation from Central Administration. The Provost is a scheduled guest at the April FPPC meeting. Andrew will report back to the Executive Council at its April meeting, with the goal of having a basic plan in place in May, enabling the next chair of the FPPC to move forward.

6. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Thursday, March 23, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Two suggestions were made for agenda topics:

- What are the President's thoughts on the federal budget and impact on the University and our students?
- What is the President's sense of what alumni donors would like UVM to be? What do they care about?

7. March 27 Senate meeting agenda

- Minutes of the February 27 meeting *2 min*
- Senate President's Remarks *5 min*
- President and Provost's Remarks *10 min*
- Enrollment Management Goals and Initiatives, Stacey Kostell and Beth Wiser *30 min*
- Sustainability Curriculum Review Committee Report and Update, Laura Hill and Deane Wang *10 min*
- CAC Business *10 min*
- Proposal for new General Education Requirement, Quantitative Reasoning, Laura Almstead *10 min*
- New business *5 min*
- Adjourn

8. New Business

Andrew Barnaby suggested that the Senate explore a series of conversations for next year around the curricular requirements for 21st century students.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.