The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT

FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council
December 11, 2023, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

Present: Professors Borchert (President), Eyler (VP), Allen (at large), deRosset (at large), Everse (CAC), Gove (SAC), Julianelle (at large), Kervick (CAC), Pope (at large), Read (ERTC), Rodriguez (FPPC)
Absent: Bonifield (PSC), Prue (SAC), Vacant (RSCA)

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM on Microsoft Teams

1. **Minutes –** The minutes of the November 2023 meeting were corrected and approved.

2. **Chair's Remarks –** Thomas Borchert reported the following:
   - the following three faculty members have been forwarded to serve on the five-year review committee for Dean Geffert: Keith Burt, Sean Diehl, and Cris Mayo.
   - to increase communication between the Graduate College Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate standing committees, the Graduate College Associate Dean Alicia Ebert will attend the meetings of the CAC, SAC, and RSCA. Dean Hoock will also attend the RSCA. Tom Borchert or his designee will attend the meetings of the Graduate College Executive Committee.
   - conversations are ongoing regarding the movement of the Catamount Core Curriculum Committee from an ad hoc committee to a full Senate committee.

3. **CAC Consent Agenda –** Colby Kervick presented the following items to be included on the consent agenda:
   - Department Name change: Plant Soil Science changing to Agriculture, Landscapes, and Environment (ALE)
   - Program Name change: Electrical Engineering major changing to Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)

   In addition, the CAC will report on the following items that do not require a Faculty Senate vote:
   - Substantial Revision to BA in Mathematics
   - Two APR Reports: Medical Education and Medical Lab Sciences
   - New course prefix in PSS: ALE
   - New course prefix in EE: CMPE

Motion: Guillermo Rodriguez moved to approve the items presented by the CAC for the Faculty Senate consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. **Date change for April Senate meeting** – Thomas Borchert proposed changing the date of the April 22nd meeting to April 29th to honor the first night of Passover.
   Motion: Guillermo Rodriguez moved to change the date of the April Faculty Senate meeting to April 29, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. **Water Resources Institute** – Thomas Borchert reported that the RSCA completed the review of the proposal to establish a Water Resources Institute at UVM and voted to recommend that the Faculty Senate approve the proposal.
   Motion: Evan Eyler moved to accept the recommendation of the RSCA and move the proposal to the Senate agenda for vote on December 18th. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. **After action review process** — At the November Faculty Senate meeting, it was requested from the floor that the EC take under advisement a review and possible revision of the policies that guided the decision to cancel the Will Miller Lecture. Thomas Borchert reported that Provost Prelock recommended using a True Root Cause Review process to begin in January. After discussion of the pros and cons of a joint faculty and administration examination, Thomas Borchert decided to move forward with the joint committee. EC members suggested names of faculty members to consider for service on this committee and additional names may be sent to Thomas Borchert by Thursday, December 14th.

7. **AI working group recommendation letter** - Thomas Borchert shared a draft of the AI (Artificial Intelligence) Working group's list of recommendations for faculty. The recommendations are intended to be used as a starting point for thinking about AI and to encourage faculty to have discussions within their departments and academic units about these issues. The memo will be shared with the Faculty Senate as a report that does not require a Senate vote.

8. **Agenda for P & P meeting with Executive Council – (Mon. Dec 18, 3:00 – 4:30)**
   - Student mental health
   - Academic rigor and flexibility

9. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting (Monday, December 18, 3:00-5:30 PM, on Teams**
   Motion: Colby Kervick moved to accept the draft agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3:00	*1.* Faculty Senate President's Welcome Remarks – Thomas Borchert
3:05	2. Resolutions in Memoriam (vote) • Thomas Achenbach presented by Jeremiah Dickerson

3:10	*3.* Consent Agenda (vote)
	    A. Minutes of the November 2023 Faculty Senate Meeting
	    B. Curricular Affairs
	        • Name Change Dept of Plant & Soil Science from PSS to Dept of Agriculture, Landscape, and Environment (ALE)(CALS)
	        • Name Change Electrical Engineering Program from EE to Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)(CEMS)

3:15	4. Reports that do not require a Senate vote:
	    • Curricular Affairs Committee: New Prefixes and two APR reports
	    • ERTC and RSCA: Library Alma Migration
	    • AI Working Group memo
	    • April 2024 Senate Meeting Date Change from 4/22 to 4/29

3:20	5. Resolution to Accept the Proposal to Establish the Water Resources Institute (vote)
3:30	6. UVM Go faculty presentations
3:40	7. *MyUVM* portal transition (Susan Skalka and Veronika Carter)
4:00	8. University Finances Update (Richard Cate, VP of Finance)
4:25	9. New Business
4:30	10. adjourn

10. **New Business** - none at this time

   The meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM