



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council  
December 13, 2021, 4:00 – 5:30 PM  
Minutes

Present: Professors Borchert, Eyler, Burns, Bonifield, Everse, Kervick, Knodell, Lopez-Vicuna, Paris, Prue

Absent: Professors Beltre, Cushman, Read, Wood, Delaney, Ikeda, Julianelle

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM on Microsoft Teams

Thomas Borchert moved to change the order of the agenda to reverse items 4 (committee updates) & 5 (resolution on Senate representation). There were no objections and the order of items on the agenda was revised.

**1. Minutes** of the November 2021 meeting were approved as written.

**2. Chair's Remarks**

- Thomas Borchert reported that he and Jane Knodell met with Provost Prelock and Jill Irvine, Chief Professional and Continuing Education Officer (PACE) to learn about four new programs that are the result of the Provost's call for proposals for revenue generating programs. The programs include 1) a new residential version of the GAP program (CAS), 2) a certification in Sustainable Food (CALs), 3) a certification in Instructional Design (CESS), and 4) a certification in Integrative Health and Wellness Coaching (CNHS).
- President Borchert requested guidance regarding communicating with faculty to encourage reporting of vaccination status. In his email to senators on Friday and at the Senate meeting on Monday, President Borchert will ask the elected senators to encourage the faculty in their departments to report their vaccination status.

**3. CAC Consent Agenda** – Colby Kervick recommended the following items for the CAC Consent Agenda:

- a) Report of Curricular Affairs Actions that Do Not Require Senate Vote
  - Revision to the Communication Sciences & Disorders Minor (CNHS)
  - Revision to the English Major (CAS)
  - Revision to the Theatre Major and Minor (CAS)

- Revision to the Dance Major and Minor (CAS)
- b) No-Contest Deactivation of the Geology BA & BS, and Minor (CAS)
- c) No-Contest Deactivation of the CALS ENSC BS and ENVS BS
- d) No-Contest Deactivation of the CAS ENSC BS
- e) No-Contest Deactivation of the RSENR ENVS BS

Chair Kervick also reported that a proposal for a new micro-Certificate of Graduate Study in Sustainable Family Enterprise from the Grossman School of Business is currently in circulation for comment. A vote by the CAC will be held electronically after 30-day circulation ends on December 15th. If this passes, it will be a late add to the Senate Consent agenda.

**Motion:** The consent agenda came moved from the Curricular Affairs Committee.

Discussion included the process for consent agendas, the desire for maintaining a consistent approach to consent agendas, the robust discussion and vote that occurred in the CAC on the items concerning deactivation of ENSC/ENVS, and whether to keep the ENSC/ENVS items on the consent agenda for the Senate meeting.

**Vote: 7 approve, 1 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carried.**

**4. Resolution about Senate representation** – Ignacio Lopez-Vicuna presented the following:

**Resolution for Reconsideration of the Allocation of Senate Representation**

**Whereas** the University of Vermont is in the midst of a variety of conversations about how the university is organized; and

**Whereas** even while broad-scale university reorganization is unlikely in the near term, several units have proposed or enacted changes to the organizations of departments, including the creation of a larger Department of Education in CESS, the combination of Geography and Geology into a new department of Geography and Geophysical Sciences in CAS, the movement of Speech and Debate into the Department of English in CAS, the proposed School of the Arts in CAS; and

**Whereas** representation is determined by departments within units (CBL 2.3); and

**Whereas** the changes to departments have or will result in changes to Senate representation; and

**Whereas** Colleges and Schools determine their organization in ways that are not consistent across the University; and

**Whereas** the changes to departmental organization may inadvertently reduce faculty representation in the Senate,

**Therefore**, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall appoint a study committee to consider the processes by which faculty representation is determined and allotted within the Senate. This study committee should bring a report back to the Executive Council and the full Senate no later than the October 2022 meeting so that it might consider changes to the bylaws in time for the 2023-2024 academic year.

**Motion:** Cathy Paris moved to place the resolution on the Senate agenda. The motion was seconded. Discussion included the desire for conversation about senate representation in the context of potential mergers and reorganizations, and the broader issue of senate membership in the senate committees.

**Vote: 8 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carried.**

**5. Committee Updates** – Thomas Borchert moved this item to the January meeting.

**6. Library Concerns** – Thomas Borchert stated that the Dean of the Libraries, Bryn Geffert, has been invited to speak at the December Senate meetings to present the post-Elsevier conditions of the UVM Libraries. Several Senate Committees (FPPC, RSCA & SAC) have taken up this issue due to concerns about the significant cuts to the Library’s budget and the resulting inability to provide essential access to materials. Discussion included the pandemic related budget cuts, and questions about future budget restoration plans, and a potential joint resolution of support for the UVM Libraries from the Faculty Senate Standing Committees. Evan Eyler offered the following for consideration: The Faculty Senate calls on the leadership of the University of Vermont to support and fund the UVM library system to an extent comparable to peer universities that have R1 status, due to the critical nature of the intellectual infrastructure that the libraries represent. Thomas Borchert stated that a joint resolution from the FPPC, RSCA and SAC should be forward-thinking and could be effective if brought to the Senate in January or February.

**7. Agenda for P&P Meeting** Wednesday, December 15, 11:00 – 11:45 AM, President’s Conference Room.

- 1) Changes to the Residential Learning Communities and their related courses.
- 2) Lecturer contracts.

**8. Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting Monday, December 20, 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

3:00	1. Faculty Senate President’s Welcome Remarks – Thomas Borchert <i>[5 min]</i>
3:05	2. Consent Agenda (vote) <i>[5 min]</i> A. Minutes of the November 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting B. Report of Curricular Affairs Actions that Do Not Require a Senate Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision to the Communication Sciences &amp; Disorders Minor (CNHS)</li> <li>• Revision to the English Major (CAS)</li> <li>• Revision to the Theatre Major and Minor (CAS)</li> <li>• Revision to the Dance Major and Minor (CAS)</li> </ul> Curricular Affairs Actions that Require a Senate Vote: C. No-Contest Deactivation of the Geology BA & BS, and Minor (CAS) D. No-Contest Deactivation of the CALS ENSC BS and ENV5 BS E. No-Contest Deactivation of the CAS ENSC BS F. No-Contest Deactivation of the RSEN5 ENV5 BS
3:10	3. Resolution In Memoriam for Lucien Paquette (Extension) – Chris Callahan (vote)
3:15	4. Resolution for Reconsideration of the Allocation of Senate Representation – Ignacio Lopez-Vicuna (vote)
3:30	5. Academic Reorg Working Group Report – Dean David Jenemann (Discussion)

3:50	6. Library post-Elsevier – Dean Geffert (Discussion)
4:15	7. New Business [5 min]
4:30	8. Adjourn

**Motion:** Cathy Paris moved to approve the draft agenda for the December 20 Senate meeting. The motion was seconded. Discussion included plans for accommodating the time needed if items are pulled from the consent agenda.

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

9. New Business – none at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM