



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee

February 8, 2024

12:30-2:00

Microsoft Teams

Present: Marieka Brouwer Burg (CAS), Vicki Brennan (CAS), Evan Eyler (FS VP), Paula Higa (CAS), Jennifer Hurley (CESS), Stephen Keller (CALs), Aaron Nichols (LIB), Lakelyn Taylor (Postdoctoral Association), Daniel Weiss (LCOM)

Absent: Muhammad Arif (GSS), Appala Raju Badireddy (CEMS), Thomas Borchert (FS President), Nolan Blessington (SGA), Mary Cushman (LCOM), Brendan Fisher (RSENR), Bikki Trans-Smith (CNHS), Chun Zhang (GSB).

Guests: Pablo Bose

Chair Jennifer Hurley called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Without objection, the agenda was adjusted to move item 4, F/A conversations, to the beginning of the agenda.

1. **F&A Conversations** - Pablo Bose, Associate Dean for Research and Education in the College of Arts and Sciences, stated that facilities and administration (F&A) costs is the overhead that is charged to grants. F&A is charged at very different rates negotiated with federal agencies. F&A is treated differently in different colleges. Discussion included the importance of faculty securing smaller grants to be able to secure future larger grants, the need for clarity on the F&A charged to Leahy grants or other internal grants, and the desire for more communication and education around grants.
2. **Chair Update**
 - a. VP of Research, Kirk Dombrowski will be at the March meeting
 - b. Dean of Graduate College, Holger Hooch will be at the April meeting
3. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the January 2023 meeting were approved as written.
4. **Topics for VP of Research Visit.** Jennifer Hurley opened the floor for topic suggestions. The following topics were suggested, and the point person identified:

- F&A – clarity for colleges on how F&A works for internal grants (Jennifer Hurley)
- Cost Share – Is UVM encouraging these types of submissions? (Stephen Keller)
- International research - suggestions to lessen burdens on researchers (Vicki Brennan)
- What is the plan to broaden the income net? How to fully leverage the UVM Foundation. (Dan Weiss)

5. Old / New Business.

- a. Topics of discussion for Dean of Graduate College, Holger Hooch who is scheduled to share his vision of graduate education at the April meeting. Suggested discussion topics included funding for graduate students, providing time in faculty workload to provide mentoring for PhD students, and how to resource the growing group of PhD and doctoral students with advising and support?
- b. Dan Weiss will follow up with the relevant people about the issue of visiting undergraduates.

6. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm.

The next meeting of the RSCA will take place on Thursday, March 7th at 12:30pm on Teams.