



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee

January 11, 2024

12:30-2:00

Microsoft Teams

Present: Muhammad Arif (GSS), Appala Raju Badireddy (CEMS), Thomas Borchert (FS President), Mary Cushman (LCOM), Evan Eyer (FS VP), Jennifer Hurley (CESS) Stephen Kellar (CALs), Aaron Nichols (LIB), Bikki Trans-Smith (CNHS), Daniel Weiss (LCOM)

Absent: Nolan Blessington (SGA), Marieka Brouwer Burg (CAS), Brendan Fisher (RSENR), Paula Higa (CAS), Vicki Brennan (CAS), Pending (Postdoctoral Association), Chun Zhang (GSB).

Guests: Holger Hoock

Chair Jennifer Hurley called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the November 2023 meeting were approved as written.
- 2. Committee Update.** Jennifer Hurley is back from leave and will chair the RSCA for the Spring semester. Muhammad Adeel Arif has joined the RSCA as the representative from the Graduate Student Senate. The Faculty Senate office is working with the Student Government Association to get an undergraduate representative and the Postdoctoral Association to get a postdoctoral representative.
- 3. Graduate College, Holger Hoock.** Dean Hoock introduced himself to the RSCA and expressed his willingness to work with the committee in the future. He quickly shared some of the things going on in the Graduate College, they involve launching major initiatives, professional development and founding the university's office of Postdoctoral Affairs in the Graduate College. The Faculty Senate Office will schedule Dean Hoock to come to a meeting this spring to give a full update.

4. Fall 2023 Update. Thomas and Evan Co-chaired the RSCA in the fall. The proposal on the Water Institute that was approved by the RSCA went in front of full Faculty Senate for a vote and has been approved.

5. Spring RSCA Topics.

- a. Undergraduate Research
- b. OVPR, Kirk update, the Faculty Senate Office will schedule this for a spring meeting.
 - i. Pilot Grants
 - ii. International Research
 - iii. UVM Natural Area
 - iv. Planetary Health System
 - v. What is the latest plan for bringing in more money.
- c. Grad College update, the Faculty Senate Office will schedule this for a spring meeting.
- d. FOUR update, the Faculty Senate Office will schedule this for a spring meeting.
- e. Eclipse Day update, Thomas Borchert to e-mail Ellen Brannon.
- f. Research Data Storage and Management, Faculty Senate Office to invite Mike Austin.
- g. Helios and Open Access
- h. SPA, invite Brian Prindle for an update.
- i. UVM Foundation update

6. Old / New Business. There was no new business at this meeting.

7. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

The next meeting of the RSCA will take place on Thursday, February 8th at 12:30pm on Teams.