



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee

November 9, 2023

1:00-2:00

Microsoft Teams

Present: Thomas Borchert (FS President), Mary Cushman (LCOM), Paula Higa (CAS, Fine Arts), Stephen Kellar (CALs), Aaron Nichols (LIB), Bikki Trans-Smith (CNHS), Chun Zhang (GSB).

Absent: Appala Raju Badireddy (CEMS), Nolan Blessington (SGA) Marieka Brouwer Burg (CAS), Brendan Fisher (RSENr), Vicki Brennan (CAS), Jennifer Hurley*(CESS), Pending (Postdoctoral Association), Pending (GSS), Daniel Weiss (LCOM)

Guests: Bryn Geffert, Molly Rogers

Senate President Thomas Borchert called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm via Microsoft Teams.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the October 2023 meeting were approved as written.
- 2. Committee Update.** Jennifer Hurley will be back in January and will chair the RSCA for the Spring semester.
- 3. Water Institute, Vote.** The RSCA reviewed and discussed the proposal for the Water Institute at its October meeting. The committee had all positive feedback on the proposal. Thomas will forward any suggestions to Beverly Wimple for review. To view the whole discussion please e-mail the Faculty Senate Office at facsen@uvm.edu.

Mary moved to approve the proposal on the Water Institute, it was seconded by Bikki.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passed and the RSCA will forward the approved proposal on the Water Institute to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

- 4. Libraries Search System, Dean Geffert & Molly Rogers.** Molly Rogers, the web services librarian gave the committee an overview on the library services migration. Most the changes that will occur will be behind the scenes and will make it much easier to use. The system is old, and they think the new system will add a lot of benefits. Along with the migration UVM has joined the Boston Library Consortium, it a group that works together to make things easier for the whole. Other schools include Middlebury, Wesleyan, Trinity, and Connecticut College. Resources will be shared between schools.

Cat Quest will get a new look and Molly provided the committee with a behind the scenes preview. To see the preview please e-mail the Faculty Senate Office at facsen@uvm.edu. The changes will go live on January 10, 2024. They are expecting a smooth launch.

For more information on the migration of library services please check out https://library.uvm.edu/library_services_platform_migration.

- 5. Old / New Business.** There was no new business at this meeting.
- 6. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.

The next meeting of the RSCA will take place on Thursday, January 11th at 12:30pm on Teams.