



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee
December 10, 2022
12:30-2:00
Microsoft Teams

Present: Raju Badireddy (CEMS), Mildred Betre (CAS, Fine Arts) Thomas Borchert (FS President), Mary Cushman (LCOM), Evan Eyler (Faculty Senate Vice President), Brendan Fisher (RSENR), Jennifer Hurley (CESS), Jill Preston (CALs), Bikki Trans-Smith (CNHS), Christie Silkotch (LIB), Daniel Weiss (LCOM), Chun Zhang (GSB)

Absent: Marieka Burg (CAS), Pending (Postdoctoral Association), Pending (CAS), Sabbatical Coverage (CAS), Pending (GSS), Pending (SGA)

Guests: Cindy Forehand, Dan Harvey, Ernesto Mendez

Co-chair Mary Cushman called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the October 2022 and November 2022 were approved as written.
- 2. Chair Update.** There was no chair update at this meeting.
- 3. Proposal for the Institute for Agroecology, Thomas Borchert.** For a copy of the full proposal please e-mail the Faculty Senate Office at Facsen@uvm.edu. The RSCA has been asked to be the Faculty Senate reviewing committee on this proposal. The proposal has been shared with the entire UVM community, any questions and concerns will be shared with both the RSCA and Ernesto. Questions asked of Ernesto and Dan included:
 - What is the roll of the advisory committee that the proposal references. The idea is to have one UVM committee that they can use as a sounding board, they are using the GUND Institute as a model. This committee will work as an advisory committee for the institute.
 - Ernesto explained the two signature programs, Activating Agro Ecology in Vermont, and the International Agro Ecology program. He included current strengths and weaknesses of each program.

- The proposal does not have a list of involved faculty members. This could be helpful to get a better idea of interest in potential collaboration.
- The need of another institute is based on how they complement the other institutes, and they are strong internationally and in participatory action research.
- They are hoping to get some external funding, External funding for agriculture and food systems is good right now. Having an Institute will make this easier.
- They do not currently have a designated space but have full support of the OVPR. They plan to start small and grow.

For a full transcript of the conversation please e-mail the Faculty Senate office at facsen@uvm.edu.

Please email questions or comments regarding the proposal, to Mary and Jill. All questions and comments will be kept confidential if requested. The proposal will be on the January RSCA agenda for consideration and a vote.

4. **Graduate College Update, Dean Forehand.** Dean Forehand presented an update of the Graduate College to the RSCA.

Dean's Report

Transformative Growth in Graduate Education

(aka Getting to 3000) • Fall 2022

- 1707 Grad/11326 UG (15% Grad)
- Expect significant growth in graduate population with

undergraduate population relatively stable

- Fall 2028 stretch goal
- 3000 Grad/12000 UG (25% Grad)

Opportunities for Growth

Remarkable research enterprise growth

- Generate resources for graduate funding

Grad Housing – Spinner Place, local houses, UVM Trinity Campus and South Burlington Partnership (also Burlington Housing Plans)

Philanthropy to support predoctoral fellowships

- First-year and dissertation completion awards

International enrollment potential

- Brand recognition – research and professional programs • Partnerships

Recruiting more UVM graduates

- Accelerated entry into master's programs (AMP) • Incentives for alums to return

New graduate programs

- Interdisciplinary PhDs
- Professional online master's programs and stackable credentials

- Target additional 500 online students

New Graduate Degree Programs Bring New Students

Ph.D. in Sustainable Development Policy, Economics, and Governance – Fall 2021

Doctorate in Occupational Therapy – Fall 2022

Ph.D. in Transdisciplinary Leadership and Creativity for Sustainability (online) – Fall 2022

Ph.D. in Social-emotional-behavioral Health and Inclusive Education – Fall 2023

Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision – Fall 2024

Planned Graduate Degree Programs

In active planning stage

- Doctorate of Public Health (online) • Ph.D. in Humanitarian Studies

In goal setting stage

- Online Certificates of Graduate Study that stack into master's degrees
- Online professional master's programs to expand our current offerings of an online MPH and an online MPS in Leadership for Sustainability
 - Ideas for successful programs
 - Engaging employers in planning

- Identifying current societal need we can address

To see the slides used for Dean Forehands presentation please visit

https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/The-Graduate-College/Graduate_Faculty_Meeting_Deans_Office_Presentation_Final_11.7.2022_meeting.pdf

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

6. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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