



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee

January 12, 2023

12:30-2:00

Microsoft Teams

- Present: Raju Badireddy (CEMS), Mildred Betre (CAS, Fine Arts), Mary Cushman (LCOM), Evan Eyler (Faculty Senate Vice President), Jill Preston (CALs), Christie Silkotch (LIB), Daniel Weiss (LCOM), Chun Zhang (GSB)
- Absent: Thomas Borchert (FS President), Marieka Burg (CAS), Brendan Fisher (RSENR), Jennifer Hurley (CESS), Bikki Trans-Smith (CNHS), Pending (Postdoctoral Association), Pending (CAS), Sabbatical Coverage (CAS), Pending (GSS), Pending (SGA)
- Guests: Cindy Forehand, Dan Harvey, Ernesto Mendez

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

- 1. Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the December 2022 meeting were approved as written.
- 2. 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 comments provided by the UVM community were shared with the RSCA and they were all positive.

Motion: Mary Cushman moved to approve the Institute for Agroecology; Christie Silkotch seconded the motion.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

The committee would like to include some of the following information in the memo they send to the Faculty Senate.

- Funding and the difference between the international and local programs.
- Background of where the proposal came from.
- List of involved faculty members.
- GUND institute and will there be competition?

- Space, they haven't determined where they will be yet.

3. Spring Planning 2023. The RSCA discussed a list of topics to discuss for the Spring 2023 term. They included:

- Academic Freedom Policy
- VP of Research update in March
- Graduate College Update in April
- FOUR Update, the Faculty Senate Office will work with the FOUR office to schedule an update.
- International Research will work on this until later in the semester.
- Decolonizing Research, inviting the new DEI person in CAS to a future meeting. Jill will work with the Faculty Senate office to get her on an agenda. Christie will do a little research and see how the RSCA can continue efforts in this area.
- SEED Programs how does the RSCA help promote these external opportunities. The VPR is more equipped to handle these types of programs.
- Should UVM cover the cost of faculty and staff that work with underage high school students? Dan will research some information and will let the Faculty Senate office know who would be best to invite to talk about this topic.
- Helios and Open Access should the RSCA create a resolution. The committee discussed the following resolution.

Possible resolution for future?

- *Whereas it is right to make scholarly output widely accessible and,*
- *Availability of research and scholarly information is a matter of equity and,*
- *Consistent with UVM as a land grant institution, the academic community and general public in Vermont, the US and around the world have a right to access information freely,*

UVM Colleges will develop policies to promote open access sharing of scholarly output by:

- *Educating faculty and students to promote literacy on importance of open access publishing and open science*
- *Providing assistance to faculty on routes to open access practices.*

The committee will put this on the agenda for the February meeting. Mary will send the slide deck to the whole committee for comments. The Faculty Senate Office will send the resolution to President Borchert for any comments.

4. Old / New Business. The University of Vermont has a list of centers and institutes, the RSCA will ask Kirk to explain the list because it does not make sense to the committee.

5. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

The next meeting of the RSCA will take place on Thursday, February 9th at 12:30 on Teams.