



FACULTY SENATE

Student Affairs Committee

Minutes

May 4, 2023

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams

Present: Thomas Borchert (Faculty Senate President), Matthew Carlson (CAS), Terry Delaney (CALs), Krisan Geary (CEMS), Steve Gove (GSB), Trish O’Kane (RSENr), Jennifer Prue (CESS), Devika Singh (LCoM), Sarah Twitchell (LCoM), Scott Van Keuren (CAS)

Absent: Denise Hersey (LIB), Nathan Kokinda (CNHS), Pending (GSS), Eva Stanford (SGA)

Guests: Pablo Bose, Jennifer Dickinson

Co-Chair Jennifer Prue called the meeting to order at 8:30 am via Microsoft Teams.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the April SAC meeting are approved as written.
2. **Chair Update** – Terry will not continue as the co-chair of the SAC. Steve Gove has agreed to join Jennifer Prue as the co-chair for the 2023-2024 term. They will work together to divide the work for the upcoming year. Trish O’Kane has a term that is ending and will not continue on the SAC. We are currently working to fill one of the LCoM vacancies.
3. **CCCC Update, Pablo Bose** – Pablo presented the committee with an overview on where the CCCC is currently at with general education on the UVM campus. These updates included:
 - Taking the current D1, D2, FWIL, and QR requirements and grew them into a more robust general education curriculum.
 - New requirements between 40 and 42 credits. Some courses will have multiple designations, but the total will still need to be met.
 - To view the Catamount Core Curriculum visit the general education website at [https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/General-Education-at-UVM/Basic CCC Info and Links.pdf](https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/General-Education-at-UVM/Basic_CCC_Info_and_Links.pdf).
 - They have spent the last 18 months working on structure and how general education should look on the UVM campus. John Sama has been instrumental in setting up the administrative structure.
 - They have worked hard to make sure the units that have pre professional programs are not overly burdened with the new requirements. This will require good advising and training to get students out in four years.

- There are now 961 courses that meet the general education requirements. There are a few departments that did not get their courses in but plan on doing so next year.
- Once there are more patterns OIR can help determine where there is need for courses.

Some of the questions the committee had were:

- Syllabi and working on best practices.
- Transfer students and how that works with the new requirements.
- Advising and the tools to make sure they are advising correctly.
- Does UVM have the courses to fulfil all the needs of the new requirements.
- Special Topics and how it works with the Catamount Core.
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4. Religious Policy, Thomas & Jenny-

The existing religious policy.

Religious Holidays: Students have the right to practice the religion of their choice. Each semester students should submit in writing to their instructors by the end of the second full week of classes their documented religious holiday schedule for the semester. Faculty must permit students who miss work for the purpose of religious observance to make up this work.

Dates of religious holidays can be found on the Interfaith Calendar. Two versions are available: one is the [Interfaith Calendar for the current academic year \(PDF\)](#), the other is a [multi-year Interfaith Calendar \(PDF\)](#).

The proposed ne religious policy.

Religious Holidays: [Religions may be practiced in many different ways, and can impact participation in classes variably.](#) Students have the right to practice the religion of their choice. Each semester students should submit in writing to their instructors as early as possible and ~~by the end of the second full week of classes at least one week prior to~~ their documented religious holiday the date(s) of the conflict or absence. Faculty must permit students who miss work ~~or exams~~ for the purpose of religious observance to make up this work. [In addition, faculty and students are encouraged to review the calendar of holidays maintained by the Interfaith Center to proactively plan course schedules and exam schedules.](#)

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Motion: President Borchert moved to approve the updated Religious Holiday Policy, it was seconded by Terry Delaney.

Vote: 9 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. **The motion carried.**

5. **Old / New Business.** – Thomas suggested the committee take up Syllabi for a topic of concern in the fall, this could be a joint effort from both the SAC and the CAC.

The next meeting of the SAC will be on September 7, 2023, at 8:30am on Microsoft Teams.