

## MEMO

**To:** The UVM Faculty Senate

**From:** Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Jennifer Prue, Co-Chair

**Date:** November 27, 2023

**Re:** Report out on Items voted on by the Student Affairs Committee that do not require Faculty Senate vote

### **Graduate College student athlete attendance policy**

In the past, the SAC worked with the Athletic Department to get language into the catalog to protect student athletes and other academic competitors that are representing the university based on attendance. This has provided an avenue to reduce conflicts between student athletes and faculty regarding attendance. The policy is available [here](#). Because of the NCAA's covid rule changes, there is an increased number of graduate students who are also competing in intercollegiate athletics, and it is unclear if this attendance policy was meant to include them as it is not included in the graduate catalog. In order to clarify, the SAC voted to explicitly state that the intention of the policy is to cover graduate students as well.

The SAC also requested that the Senate work with the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate College to determine which policies are meant to also apply to graduate students.