

Board of Trustees May 15, 2009

Staff Representative Comments on Committee Summaries

Audit Committee

I encourage you to read through the summaries of the last three Audit Committee meetings, and share my feeling of encouragement that UVM continues to improve our business performance due to the hard work of many individuals. I would mention that the Internal Audit function at the University has been restructured to allow more direct reporting to the Audit Committee of the UVM Board of Trustees. At the Audit Committee's direction, Audit Services is gearing up to do a purcard audit. And I will take this opportunity to underscore UVM staff's role under the Code of Business Conduct (available at www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/general.html/businessconduct.pdf - 2008-12-19 -) and contact Audit Services at 656-2662 if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Berteau

Committee on Educational Policy and Institutional Resources (EPIR)

The 2009 spring EPIR meeting was notably different than during past quarters - primarily due to the new leadership of Chair Claire Ayer and the presence of several new members whom in addition to returning members were clearly committed to proactively participating in this subcommittee's work. Chair Ayer is determined to ensure forward movement in the work of EPIR with particular focus in the value of a UVM education, the standards by which we measure academic quality, and general education requirements to name a few. She called for a working lunch to discuss how these issues will fit into EPIR's annual work plan. For me, most noteworthy in the subcommittee meeting was the creation of a BA in Engineering, discussion of the elimination of the two credit physical education requirement, benchmarking and development updates and a tour of the Center for Health and Wellbeing locations (a total of 7 on campus locations with various functions). The subcommittee is considering convening this summer to get a jumpstart on the work plan in preparation for Fall. I look forward to being a part of the success of the new formation of EPIR.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda McIntire - HRS Employee Advisor

*The BFI representatives did not have any further comments to contribute.