UVM STAFF COUNCIL  
February 3, 2009  
Livak Ballroom #417- 419  
Davis Center  
12:05 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Marilyn Baker, Ernie Buford, Marty Burrows, Jeff Bukowski (Ex-officio), Erica Caloiero, Rodman Cory, David Ebenstein, Mark Hall, Eric Hoefel, Jennifer Larsen, Rita Lemire, Joanne Montanye, Michelle Smith-Mullarkey, Thi Nguyen, Jon Reidel (Vice-President), Mary Reilly, Anne-Marie Resnik, Mary Schliecker-Brigham, Catherine Symans, Diane Trono (Council Coordinator), Beth Walsh (President), Cat Woodward.

ABSENT: Patricia Forguites, Eileen Hanerfeld (Past President), Eileen Kristiansen, Shari Langlois, Aliza Mansolino Gault, Sharnel Martelle, Sharon Mone, Mary Parent, Morgan Phillips, Diane Pontecorvo, Rob Rohr, Ida Russin, Todd Stewart

GUESTS: Jill Tarule - Associate Provost, Mara Saule - Dean of Libraries, Al Turgeon (DFES Designee)

President Beth Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – The January 6, 2009 Meeting/Staff Open Forum approved as written.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES – Rodman Cory (designee for Rob Rohr, Rules and Elections Committee Chair)

The Council approved the following Election Bylaw changes:
- A request put forth by the Rules & Elections Committee, and approved by the Executive Board, to shift Staff Council elections from May to April (c.f. Article V.C.1.)
- A request to insert a declaration that the Staff Council President regular election will be held in May (c.f. Article VI.B.1.) requiring the renumbering of the remaining clauses in the article
- A request to insert a declaration that the Staff Council Vice President regular election will be held in May (c.f. Article VII.B.1.) requiring the renumbering of the remaining clauses in the article

The Council approved the following Committee Chair Selection Bylaw changes:
- A request put forth by the Rules & Elections Committee, and approved by the Executive Board, for each standing committee to elect a new committee chair at the last meeting of one term to take effect at the beginning of the new term on July 1 (c.f. Article VIII.B.2.) requiring the renumbering of the remaining clauses in the article
  - Having the election at the end of one term guarantees continuity, familiarity with the work of the committee and eliminates the time period between terms where no Executive Board is available to advise the Council officers.
PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENTS – Rodman Cory (designee for Rob Rohr)

The Council approved a Conflict of Interest Policy Statement and an Election Policy Statement.
- The Rules & Elections Committee submitted an Election Policy Statement proposal, approved by the Executive Board. The content of this statement, for the most part, previously existed in the body of old By-laws, prior to March 2008.
- The proposed Conflict of Interest Policy Statement, approved by the Executive Board, referenced adherence to UVM’s Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment Policy Statements, approved by UVM’s Board of Trustees.
- These Council-approved policy statements are now subject to the approval of UVM’s General Counsel and the Office of the President. The Staff Council Office will proceed with the remaining approval process.
- The creation of these policy statements is in accordance with Council Bylaw (c.f. Article XIV).

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE – Jeff Bukowski

The Staffline submission deadline is February 13th; the registration deadline for the President’s Day trip to the Montreal Casino has been extended to Friday, February 5th (there are only a few seats left); lift tickets for Smugglers’ Notch and Jay Peak, and discount coupons for Bolton Valley continue to be available in the Staff Council Office.

PRESIDENT’S UPDATE – Beth Walsh

Beth announced that with the assistance of the Council’s Executive Board, she responded to President Fogel’s request and put forth several names of staff to serve on a “Transforming UVM” Work Group that will focus on developing options for academic restructuring at UVM. She expects to be notified of those staff selected in the near future.

PREPARING FOR UVM’S REACREDITATION VISIT

The co-chairs of Accreditation: Jill Tarule, Associate Provost and Mara Saule, Dean of Libraries, explained the self-study being done in preparation for UVM’s Reaccreditation Visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) on April 19-22. A draft of the report has been posted for the community to comment on and may be found at http://www.uvm.edu/~accredit/.

OTHER BUSINESS

Beth Walsh explained that (in accordance with our Bylaws) a nominating committee must be formed for the purpose of vetting future nominees for Council president and vice-president. In the event that either the president for vice-president steps down, Council By-laws require a committee be in place to address the situation. This matter was tabled for further discussion at the March meeting. Catherine Symans and Kyle Sowles are the co-chairs of this year’s MAZE event, scheduled for Thursday, March 12th. The focus this year will be on professional development and practical training. A brochure of workshops will be available in the next week or so. Registration for workshops will be available online later this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.