

SAC 2023/204 Highlights

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE: Jennifer Prue (Co-Chair, CESS), Steve Gove (Co-Chair, GSB), Terrence Delaney (CALs), Matthew Carlson (CAS), Scott VanKeuren (CAS), Krisan Geary (CEMS), Nathan Kokinda (CNHS), Thomas Borchert (Faculty Senate President), Taylor Kocian (GSS), Erin Tsai (LCOM), Devika Singh (LCOM), Denise Hersey (LIB), Michael McDonald (RSENR), Catherine Jones (SGA), Evan Siegel (SGA)

CHARGE OF THE SAC: This committee shall have responsibility for matters relating to student affairs, their effect on the educational process, and the academic climate of the University, including items referred to in Sections 1.1d, 1.2e, 1.2f, 1.4, and 1.5. It shall recommend policy with respect to honors programs, remedial programs, athletics, discipline, health service, placement, housing, student activities, etc. It shall include among its duties in-depth and ongoing review of University admissions and financial aid policies, including their relation to projected enrollments. This committee shall establish policy in matters related to general admissions standards and prerequisites, as referred to in Section 1.1d, and shall review, recommend, and participate in formulation of admissions procedures. The committee shall establish a continuing liaison with student government groups and with all appropriate administrative and academic offices.

The SAC remained busy this year. We continued to work on issues initiated in the past by students and faculty and in some cases brought resolution by information gathering vetting ideas/responses and eventual policy recommendations. Examples include:

1. Passage of a policy on **Outside of Class Activities** (presented to the senate during the January 22, 2024 meeting). From minutes of that faculty senate meeting:
 - Proposed change to attendance policy: out of class expectations (Student Affairs Committee, Steve Gove and Scott Van Keuren)
 - [Student Rights and Responsibilities - Attendance Policy](#) (link to 2023-24 Catalogue)
 - [Proposed addition to "Attendance Policy"](#) - approved by SAC on 1/10/24
2. Passage of a procedure on the **Treatment of Pre-Matriculation Grades** (by UVM registrar) for courses taken by high school students (typically PACE courses). Approved during the February 1, 2024 SAC meeting.

In addition, the SAC is currently working toward resolution on a variety of issues/concerns including:

1. Criteria for Dean's list and Latin Honors
2. Task Force consideration of ways to Document Short Term Absences
3. Test Optional-Pilot Update
4. Follow-up on the AAEO report

Members of the SAC served on other related committees to support Faculty Senate considerations including:

1. Task Force focused on Short Term Absences
2. University Student Awards Committee
3. Advising Award Committee

Per ongoing activity, routine updates and other topics (there is a list included in the minutes to the September 2, 2023 SAC meeting) were discussed over the course of the year.