



## FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes  
December 7, 2015

**Called to order** 4:02 p.m.

**Senators in Attendance:** 51

**Absent:** Senators Hondal (Biochemistry), Jones (BSAD), Heiss (CDEA), Smith (Education), Pinder (Engineering), Yoo (English), Perry (Extension), Weinstein (Family Medicine), Ross (FPPC), Busier (Leadership & Developmental Science), Teuscher (Medicine), Solomon (Neuroscience), Pope (Nutrition & Food Science), Nelms (Orthopaedic Rehabilitation), Contompasis (Pediatrics), Wittpenn (Pediatrics), Nelson (Political Science), Aultman-Hall (President), Eyer (Psychiatry), Wu (Rehab & Movement Science), Prue (SAC), Witkin (Social Work), Khanna (Sociology), Adams (Surgery), Modereger (Theatre)

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### 1. Approval of the Minutes.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of November 9, 2015 as written.

**By:** Evan Eyer

**Vote:** Approve 100%, Oppose 0%, Abstain 0%

### 2. Faculty Senate President's Remarks – Lisa Aultman-Hall

Lisa Aultman-Hall announced that she is unable to complete her two-year term as Faculty Senate President. Lisa has been on an unexpected medical leave this fall, and has determined that she must refocus her effort in order to meet her obligations to her health, as well as her obligations to her core faculty duties. Lisa thanked President Sullivan, Provost Rosowsky, Faculty Senate Past President Julie Roberts, and the many faculty and administrators who provided input and guidance. In addition, Lisa expressed appreciation for the work of the Senate Executive Council this fall. Lisa also acknowledged the support and professional conduct of the Faculty Senate staff, Laurie Eddy and Tiera Porter, during the transition and medical leave. Finally, Lisa expressed gratitude to Senate Vice President Jan Carney for stepping in to fulfill the duties of Senate President with optimism, energy, and dedication to a unified UVM.

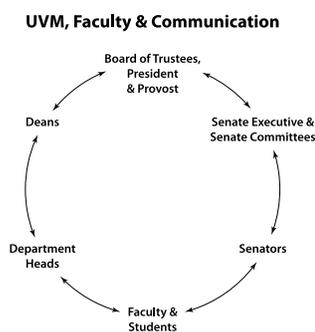
Although Lisa's intention is to resign as Faculty Senate president, the process to replace the Senate president mid-term is unclear in the Senate bylaws. Lisa has called a special meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Council to work to ensure that there will be stable, consistent

leadership for the Senate. The Parliamentarian has drafted text for a suggested change to the bylaws that would enable a mid-term special election. This announcement serves as notice of the intention to amend the bylaws if the Executive Council chooses to do so.

### 3. Faculty Senate Vice President's Remarks- Jan Carney

Jan Carney thanked Lisa for her leadership, courage, and commitment to UVM. Jan reminded everyone that the 2015 United Way campaign is underway. As of November, UVM has reached only 42% of our goal, and Jan asked each Senator to reach out to their colleagues in their departments to encourage support for the United Way.

### 4. UVM President & Provost Remarks



Lisa Aultman-Hall shared a graphic regarding communication to remind senators that the Faculty Senate meeting provides an opportunity every month to hear from President Sullivan and Provost Rosowsky. Senators then choose how to bring that information back to their colleagues and departments.

President Sullivan extended an invitation to the annual reception celebrating faculty who have published works. This year, the Publication Reception will be held at the Fleming Museum, immediately after the Faculty Senate meeting on December 7, 2015. The reception will celebrate 60 faculty members and 75 publications. A beautiful brochure has been created to provide a single snapshot of the scholarly works.

President Sullivan extended seasons greetings and best wishes for the holidays.

### 5. Professional Standards Committee Report– Robert Rodgers

Robert Rodgers reported that although almost all of the work of PSC is confidential, the committee recently reviewed and reported on the proposed new faculty pathway in the College of Medicine. This fall, the PSC reviewed 63 applications for sabbatical leave. To ensure that the guidelines are being applied evenly, the committee reviewed all of the applications, and not just those that had negative recommendations. During the spring semester, the PSC will be reviewing the RPT dossiers. The PSC reviews are forwarded to the Provost for the final decision.

### 6. Joint Strategic Curriculum Oversight Committee – Brian Reed

Brian Reed provided a summary of the report of the SCOC. The committee met with Dean Morin of the College of Medicine in early November to discuss rumored plans for increased undergraduate curricular offerings from the COM. The SCO prepared a report and recommendations regarding the COM's involvement in Undergraduate Education, which will be posted on the Faculty Senate website. The SCO found COM's strategic plans for expanding curricular offerings mainly at the graduate level to be reasonable and consistent

with its Tenets of Educational Stewardship. COM is not constituted to offer baccalaureate degree programs, but there is no reason why COM should not be allowed to offer new undergraduate courses, minors, undergraduate certificate programs, etc., that are reviewed and approved under the established governance processes.

#### 7. How do those Clickers work? – Laurie Eddy

Laurie Eddy provided an overview of the clicker voting system. Each clicker is assigned to a Faculty Senate seat by department. When polling is open, each clicker is allowed one vote. Voters can change their vote until the poll closes. In keeping with the Faculty Senate bylaws regarding quorum (4.6) and approval of resolutions (4.7), voting results are displayed as the percent of votes cast. Resolutions will be considered to have been adopted by the Faculty Senate if a quorum is present and a majority of those voting approve the proposal.

#### 8. New Business

Lisa Aultman-Hall invited Senators to email Executive Council members with ideas or thoughts regarding a senate sponsored forum regarding IBB.

Lisa Aultman-Hall called for nominations from the floor to fill the vacant Faculty Senate position of Member At Large, which was previously held by Betsy Greene. Betsy has left UVM for an opportunity in Arizona. Nominees must be a sitting senator. The election will be online to fill Betsy's unexpired term ending June 30, 2016. The following nominations were received from the floor: Alison Pechenick nominated Teresa Ruiz, COM, and Hendrika Maltby, CNHS. Additional nominations may be sent to Laurie Eddy in the Faculty Senate office via email until close of business on December 8, 2015.

Lisa Aultman-Hall addressed the requirements for Senator and committee attendance. The attendance records show that a lot of people are missing meetings. Lisa noted that the Faculty Senate bylaws are very specific regarding missed meetings, (2.3.4 Attendance) and senators indicated as absent from two meetings of the Faculty Senate in an academic year will be considered to have vacated his/her seat. The Senate will need to do more work communicating the importance of the Senate, and making it more action oriented. The administration will begin enforcing the attendance policy.

#### 9. Adjourn

Motion: Moved by Garrison Nelson to adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

#### 2015 – 2016 Faculty Senate Meetings (all meetings will be held in Memorial Lounge)

*Monday, January 11, 2016, 4:00-5:30pm\**

*Monday, February 8, 2016, 4:00-5:30pm*

*Monday, March 14, 2016, 4:00-5:30pm*

*Monday, April 11, 2016, 4:00-5:30pm*

*Thursday, May 19, 2016, 4:00-5:30pm\**

*\*Meeting will include conferral of degrees*