



FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes
October 12, 2015

Senators in Attendance: 45

Absent: Schapiro (Anesthesiology), Mierse (Art), Argnarsson (Biology), Vanden Bergh (BSAD 2), Mathieu-Bolh (Economics), Gurdon (Emeriti), Joo Yoo (English Rep 2), (ERTC), Perry (Extension), (Family Medicine), Ross (FPPC), Billey (Libraries 2), Teuscher (Medicine), Solomon (Neuroscience), Maltby (Nursing 2), Nelms (Orthopedic Rehabilitation), Zenali (Pathology), Contompasis (Pediatrics), Cuneo (Philosophy), Starrett (Plant & Soil), Beckage (Plant Biology), Nelson (Political Science), Naylor (Psychiatry), Ge (Rehab & Movement Science), Witkin (Social Work), Adams (Surgery).

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- 1. Approval of the Minutes.** Betsy Green motioned to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting, Cathy Paris seconded that motion. The minutes of September 28, 2015 were approved as written.
 - 2. Presentation of Degrees.** Alison Pechenick moved to accept all candidates as presented to the Faculty Senate, Teresa Ruiz seconded the motion. The Faculty Senate approved all candidates.
 - Graduate College (123)
 - College of Medicine (1)
 - 3. Senate President's Remarks-Jan Carney, Vice President.** President Lisa Aultman-Hall presented remarks to the board of Trustees at the Friday, October 2nd meeting. Her remarks are on the Faculty Senate website for review. Vice President Carney emphasized the themes that President Aultman-Hall addressed.
 - Faculty engagement in the Faculty Senate.
 - Communication, between the Faculty Senate, from Faculty Senate to departments, administration and the whole campus community.
 - "One UVM," no matter what our department or faculty appointment we work towards a better UVM. This is a theme that both President Aultman-Hall and Vice President Carney will continue to use over the next year.

All faculty have received information on, "Maximizing Multicultural Learning in the Classroom, Diversity Pedagogy and Curriculum." This is a faculty development workshop that offers practical topics for the classroom. This will take place on November 2nd in the Davis Center.
 - 4. UVM President.** No report

5. **UVM Provost.** No report

6. **Sustainability Curriculum Review Committee - Laura Hill and Deane Wang.**

Membership:

- Alan Tinkler (CESS)
- Brian Lee (CEMS)
- Christine Vatovec (RSENR)
- Deane Wang (RSENR) (non-voting co-chair)
- Beverley Wemple (CAS)
- Rory Waterman (CAS)
- Laura Hill (co-chair)
- Marilyn Lucas (BSAD)
- Eyal Amiel (CNHS)
- Ann Hazelrigg (Senate CAC, ex-officio)
- Lisa Watt Natkin (Admin, Assistant, Office of Sustainability)

Sustainability is UVM's newest general Education Requirement. The UVM sustainability requirement promotes sustainable solutions in society, the economy and the environment. There are multiple ways that the requirements can be met. The model that the committee based seat capacity off assumes that 70% of students will take this requirement in the 1st or 2nd year, about 20% in 3rd year, and around 10% in the final year. They worked with the Registrar's office to come up with these numbers. They know that in the academic year, 2016 there will need to be a ramp up in seats. So faculty should be aware of this need.

They are enthusiastic that they are moving towards a centralized assessment process that all general education requirements are moving towards.

In Course Leaf there is a box to check that asks if you are submitting a course for the sustainability requirement. This would then direct you to a series of prompts.

During the fall 2015 semester there are 850 students enrolled in sustainability courses at the University of Vermont.

7. **Strategic Curricular Oversight Committee:** Brian Reed, the Associate Provost for Teaching and Learning and Jennifer Prue of the SAC are co-chairing this committee. Others serving on the committee include:

- Cathy Paris (CAC)
- Rosemary Dale (CAC)
- Don Ross (FPPC)
- Allan Strong (Associate Dean's Group)
- Annie Stevens (Vice Provost for Student Affairs)
- Jennifer Dickinson (Director of the Center for teaching and Learning)
- Jennifer Fath (Student Service Collaborative)
- Bill Mierse (Faculty Senate)

The committee has had one meeting. This is a free standing joint committee. As issues are brought to the committee, they will trouble shoot. If a course becomes too large it may be good for revenue but would

not necessarily be good for the students, this is an issue they would address. The committee would be available to give the senate regular updates.

The question of what is the difference between this committee and the IBB Steering committee was asked? This committee is to safe guard the integrity of the University of Vermont. The IBB Steering committee is more to watch the model. The SCOC brings issues to the IBB Steering committee and they can work to adjust the model.

Jennifer suggested a chart that would catalogue how the process moves. The Faculty Senate will invite Jennifer and Brain back after the first of the year for updates.

8. Curricular Affairs. Chair of the Curricular Affairs Committee, Cathy Paris, brought one item of business to the Faculty Senate for their consideration.

- 1. A proposal to change the name of the tagged degree in Mathematics.** The faculty of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, has proposed to change the name of its tagged undergraduate degree from *Bachelor of Science in Mathematics* to *Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences*. The proposed new name is a better reflection of the diverse nature of intellectual activity in the unit, which includes not only pure mathematics but also the more applied mathematical sciences, including statistics. The names of the undergraduate majors will not change, nor will the name of the degree earned by math majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The code for the newly renamed degree will be BSMA.

There is no way to determine who in the department voted to approve or not approve the proposal as it was an anonymous survey. 79.41% who answered the departmental poll approved the change. 17.65% wanted to create a second tagged degree.

The Faculty Senate voted to approve the proposal to change the name of the tagged degree in Mathematics with the voting of:

Approve 84%

Oppose 8%

Abstain 8%

9. New Business. There was no new business at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.