



The University of Vermont
FACULTY SENATE

**Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate
Minutes**

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 4:15 – 6:15 pm

Present: Professors Everse (LCOM), Kervick (CESS), Blom (CAS), Borchert (Faculty Senate President), de Jager (LCOM), DeSisto (CALs), Emery (CAS), Harrington (CAS), Lau (LCOM), Mayo (CESS), Rosebush (CEMS), Seidl (RSENR), Sibold (CNHS), Swogger (LIB), Tomas (GSB), Vizcarra (CAS)

Absent: Professors Doherty (LIB), Frimpong (CNHS), Hibbeler (CEMS), Jones* (GSB), Murray (CALs), Panikkar (RSENR), Vacant (LCOM),

Guests: J. Dickinson (VP Faculty Affairs & Student Success), Evan Eyler (VP Faculty Senate)

*Submitted votes by email in advance

Chair Everse called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM

- I. **Minutes** of the January 2023 CAC meeting were approved with one abstention.
- II. **Co-Chair's Remarks** – Stephen Everse reminded members that the March meeting will be held in-person in Waterman 427A.
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Proposal for seven (7) new co-majors from the School of World Languages and Cultures in the College of Arts and Sciences**

Joan Rosebush, Cris Mayo and Cynthia Frimpong served as the review subcommittee for the proposals for new co-majors in Chinese, Classics, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish. Each proposal was submitted by all members of each program. The review subcommittee stated that the proposed co-majors will be a valuable addition to UVM and recommends approval of each proposal. Though no majors in any units on campus are formally excluded from any of these co-majors, the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences would not recommend these paths for students in selected majors due to the high credit count in the engineering degree programs. All co-majors provided details on applications, advising, curricular plan, and assessment. In all cases only one course can overlap between a major or minor and a co-major. Additionally, if students fall short of completing the co-major they could receive a minor because of the overlap between the core requirements of co-major and the minor. All of these new co-majors will be available for students starting Fall 2024.

Motion – Thomas Borchert moved to approve all 7 proposed co-majors with a single vote. The motion was seconded. The vote to approve the new co-majors in Chinese, Classics, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish in the College of Arts and Sciences was **passed unanimously**.

IV. Academic Program Reviews (APR)

A. **Dietetics MS** – Stephen Everse and Cynthia Frimpong served as the review subcommittee for the APR of the Master of Science in Dietetics (MSD) program in the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Since its original accreditation in 2017, this small, but strong, graduate program has continued to innovate, growing the program from six Vermont-based students to add an additional four students which complete their supervised practice anywhere in the United States because they moved their entire curriculum online which received approval from ACEND (accreditors) in 2019. They continue to work on strategies to increase the number of applicants to the program and recent successes indicate that they are on the right path. Their next accreditation visit is scheduled for January – June 2026. The subcommittee recommended that the CAC accept the report as documentation that the APR process has been followed.

Motion: Stephen Everse called a vote to accept the subcommittee’s report of the APR of the MS in Dietetics program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Vote: 17 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. **The motion carried unanimously.**

B. **Public Health Sciences B.S.** – Elzerie de Jager and Amy Seidl served as the review subcommittee for the Public Health Sciences B.S. in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The program has grown in popularity, including having a reputation around campus as a strong program that addresses critical current issues, has a strong community practice component and passionate faculty working towards health justice. The program has a strong curriculum, exceptional faculty, and boasts high student success rates. It has been recently accredited by its external professional accrediting agency. The CAC review subcommittee attests that the APR process was followed as intended and recommends approval of the report.

Motion: Stephen Everse called a vote to accept the subcommittee’s report of the APR of the Public Health Sciences B.S. in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Vote: 17 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. **The motion carried unanimously.**

v. Other Business – Colby Kervick asked for and received volunteers for the following APR and Proposal subcommittees:

APRs (Note: the reports will be written either in May or early fall, this spring the commitment is to participate in the external reviewer entry and exit meetings).

English, Film and Television Studies	Site visit March 21-22	Reviewer 1:Deborah Blom Reviewer 2:Prudence Doherty
Plant and Soil Science (ALE)	Site visit March 25-26	Reviewer 1:Jeremy Sibold Reviewer 2:Susan Swogger
Medical Science	Site visit March 28-29	Reviewer 1: Janet Murray Reviewer 2: Stephen Everse

Philosophy	Site visit April 10-11	Reviewer 1: Donna Ramirez Reviewer 2: Jason Hibbeler
Food Systems Undergrad	Site visit April 22-23	Reviewer 1: Amy Tomas Reviewer 2: Thomas Borchert

Proposals to review by March 7 meeting:

New CGS in SemiConductor Engineering and Physics (CEMS and Grad College)	Reviewer 1: Amy Seidl Reviewer 2: Rosi Rosebush
New Co-major in Math (CEMS)	Reviewer 1: Meaghan Emery Reviewer 2: Chi Chi Lau
New Co-major in Business (GSB)	Reviewer 1: Colby Kervick Reviewer 2: Jeremy Sibold

VI. New Business

- Thomas Borchert stated that he would like to establish a task force to review options for a permanent committee to replace the current Catamount Core Curriculum Committee (CCCC), which is a joint committee between the Provost's office and the Faculty Senate. The CCCC is working to stand-up the Catamount Core General Education program. The task force would bring forward a recommendation with the goal of having a permanent structure in place for Fall 2025. Tom suggested that the task force membership include himself, J. Dickinson, and members of both the current CCCC, and the CAC.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM