



The University of Vermont
FACULTY SENATE

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

Thursday, October 5, 2023, 4:15 – 6:15 pm in Waterman 427A

Present: Professors Kervick (CESS), Borchert (Faculty Senate President), de Jager (LCOM), DeSisto (CALs), Doherty (LIB), Emery (CAS), Frimpong (CNHS), Harrington (CAS), Hibbeler (CEMS), Lau (LCOM), Mayo (CESS), Murray (CALs), Rosebush (CEMS), Seidl (RSENR), Swogger (LIB), Tomas (GSB), and Bednarik (SGA)

Absent: Professors Blom (CAS), Everse (LCOM), Jones (GSB), Panikkar (RSENR), Sargent (CNHS), Vizcarra (CAS), Vacant (LCOM)

Guests:

Chair Kervick called the meeting to order at 4:17 PM, and welcomed a new member to the CAC, Liv Bednarik, Student Government Association Representative.

I. Approval of September 2023 Minutes

Motion: Meaghan Emery moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

II. Co-Chair's Remarks

- A. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the Co-Major Credential. Colby Kervick and J. Dickinson will present the proposal to the Board of Trustees for vote on October 20th.
- B. Revisions to Curricular Guidance and Templates: goal for this academic year is to look at the guidelines for substantial revisions. A CAC subcommittee, chaired by Amy Tomas, will look at the current guidelines, gather input from J. Dickinson and the unit curriculum committees and make recommendations for revision to the guidelines.
- C. Reminder that next month's meeting on November 2 will be on Teams

III. Reports

- A. **8 Micro-Graduate Certificates in Public Health (Graduate College and LCOM)** – Donna Theresa Harrington and Joan Marie Rosebush served as the review subcommittee for eight (8) proposals for new Micro-Certificates of Graduate Study in Epidemiology, Public Health Informatics, Public Health, Health Equity, Global Health, Climate Change and Human Health, Health Services Administration, and Health Policy and Law submitted by the Graduate Program in Public Health and recommend approval. The new proposed micro-certificates

are related to the four (4) existing Certificates of Graduate Study in (i) Epidemiology, (ii) Public Health, (iii) Global and Environmental Health, and (iv) Health Services Administration. Two proposed micro-certificates are associated with each of the four existing certificates and will be valuable additions to the UVM Graduate Public Health program curriculum. The proposed micro-certificates “enhance online offerings to both graduate and professional audiences in this timely and needed area”, and will contribute to the students’ “academic, professional, and personal advancement” by preparing them for “several important areas of public health at the graduate level, whether they seek to expand career opportunities or prepare for further study.” If approved by the Faculty Senate, the proposal will go to the Board of Trustees in February and be included in the 24-25 catalog. Discussion included clarification of the enrollment model, the integration with PACE, the importance of advising, and confirmation that the courses are online/asynchronous and part of the master’s program therefore not a burden on faculty.

Motion: Colby Kervick called a vote to approve the 8 micro-Graduate Certificates in Public Health in the Larner College of Medicine and Graduate College.

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

IV. Academic Program Reviews (APR) - none

V. Other Business

- A. Examining Substantial Revision curricular proposal guidelines: General discussion and seeking 2 volunteers to join a subcommittee to explore potential changes and make recommendations. The committee will be chaired by Amy Tomas. Cris Mayo (CESS), Cynthia Frimpong (CNHS), and Thomas DeSisto (CALs) volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. The goal is for the subcommittee to bring recommendations to February meeting of the CAC.

VI. New Business

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.