



The University of Vermont  
FACULTY SENATE

Educational & Research Technologies Committee

Minutes

427a Waterman

March 6, 2019

- Present: Hung Do (BSAD), Deb Ellis (CAS), Kyla Johnson (GSS), Cathy Paris (Faculty Senate President), Jane Petrillo (CALs), Helen Read (CEMS), Lyman Ross (LIB), Regina Toolin (CESS)
- Absent: Nick Bouffard (SGA), Elise Hotaling (LCOM), Lutz Kaelber (CAS), Tim Lee (LCOM), Tim Tourville (CNHS), Brian Voight (RSENR)
- Guests: Thomas Chittenden, Andrew Horvat, Julia Russell, Michelle Smith

Regina Toolin called the meeting to order at 8:33 am in Waterman 427a.

- 1. Minutes.** The minutes of the February 6, 2019 were approved with edits.
- 2. Classroom Furniture Follow-up, Michelle Smith.** Michelle is in the Office of Sustainability. There was a need on campus to replace some of the furniture in general purpose classrooms. There is a lot of thought put into purchasing new furniture on campus. They had almost 1,000 test subjects that helped provide feedback. They had a really good evaluation process. Faculty didn't provide as much feedback as students however they did provide some. Innovation will be online for the fall. There will be both offices and classrooms. Could some of the general purpose labs (113T & Q) get replacement furniture, as some of it is falling apart. If there are rooms that the ERTC feels needs more attention they should reach out to the Registrar's Office. Faculty feedback is the best way to understand the needs of general purpose furniture on campus. If a room is owned by a unit it would not fall under the general classroom protocol. To see the new set up and furniture in Kalkin you can log into the EMS Portal and click on Kalkin to view pictures of the different rooms.
- 3. ERTC Chair 2019-2020.** Regina is on sabbatical for the 2019 / 2020 academic year. She is considering still running for chair. It was suggested that the ERTC adopt a similar co-chair structure as the SAC. It was also discussed changing the meeting dates and times of the ERTC.
- 4. ERTC Subcommittee – Classroom Technology and Set Up.** The classroom environment and how all the technology, furniture and space are used on campus can enhance the whole learning experience. CIO, Simeon Ananou from conversations with the ERTC came up with this charge:

At the recent ERTC meeting, our discussions revealed a lack of collective understanding of the mechanisms we currently employ in deciding on the design and the integration of technology in teaching spaces around the campus. The purpose of this meeting therefore, is to allow different parts of the campus to highlight the current decision-

making process as represented by all the various stakeholders that will be coming to together. The outcome of this meeting would help ERTC decide how the Committee would go about designing an alignment between pedagogical requirements and technology integration in teaching spaces.

The subcommittee is being set up by the office of the CIO. The committee will consist of these members. Simeon Ananou, Andrew Horvat, Deborah Ellis, Helen Read, Jane Petrillo, Julia Russell, Mara Saule, Michelle Smith, Mike Austin, Naima Dennis, Nick Bouffard, Paul Philbin, Randy Spooner, Regina Toolin and Wendy Bernback. A few things for the committee to consider include.

- Clocks on campus (all have different times).
- General purpose classrooms and how they are set up.
- Technology within general purpose classrooms (including training for faculty).

**5. New Business.** May meeting date could include a tour of the GP classrooms.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am. The next meeting of the ERTC will take place in 427a Waterman on April 17, 2019 from 8:30 am -10:00 am.