



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council
February 12, 2024, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

Present: Professors Borchert (President), Eyler (VP), Allen (at large), Bonifield (PSC), deRosset (at large), Everse (CAC), Gove (SAC), Hurley (RSCA), Julianelle (at large), Kervick (CAC), Pope (at large), Read (ERTC), Rodriguez (FPPC)

Absent: Prue (SAC)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM on Microsoft Teams

Without objection, Thomas Borchert made to following changes to the agenda:

1. Addition of agenda item 3: consideration of a degree correction request
2. Addition to agenda item 7: a report from representatives to the Board of Trustees

1. **Minutes** – The minutes of the January 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

2. **Chair's Remarks** – Thomas Borchert reported the following:

- There have been no nominations received for the open seats on the Executive Council, nor for the Faculty Senate President-Elect.
- Policies that are up for review are posted with the meeting materials. Response is due at the end of this week.
- The review committee to consider campus safety and academic freedom is meeting weekly. Members are Thomas Borchert, Provost Prelock, Jennifer Strickler, Lizzy Pope, and Tom Sullivan. The committee anticipates having a report for the Faculty Senate in March.
- The ad hoc review committee for the Libraries reorganization received communication from Dean Geffert that the survey to collect information from the libraries faculty and other colleges has been completed. The review remains paused pending potential changes to the proposal based on the survey feedback.

3. **Degree Correction** – the College of Education and Social Services submitted a request for a correction to the list of January 2024 graduates.

Motion: Louis deRosset moved to approve the degree correction as requested. The motion was seconded and **carried unanimously**.

4. **Modality for 24-25 Senate meetings** – Tom Borchert proposed that the Faculty Senate meetings in academic year 2024-2025 follow the format used AY 23-24. Each semester, two meetings will be held in-person, and three meetings will be held remotely on Teams. Discussion included pros and cons of each meeting format. Tom Borchert will continue to consider the options for 24-25 modality.
5. **Discuss Academic Leadership Council Plans (2/15/2024; 1-3)** – The agenda and related attachments for the Academic Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, February 15th were distributed. The planned agenda includes discussion of long-term planning issues, metrics for the academic success goals, Planetary Health initiative and how to bring the larger process to a broader audience at UVM. Discussion included topics that the Executive Council would like to address, including the move to RI status and how campus life and faculty effort will change, how the Planetary Health initiative will include units not connected to health or engineering. Executive Committee members are encouraged to review the 12-point goals prior to the meeting.
6. **UVM President 5-year Review** – Executive Council (EC) members participated in a focus group with Dr. Carol Cartwright, who is assisting the five-year review committee. Discussion topics and questions posed by Dr. Cartwright were shared as potential questions to ask the members of the Faculty Senate. Thomas Borchert is planning to solicit feedback from Faculty Senators prior to the roundtable discussion at the February senate meeting. The senators' feedback will be compiled in a memo to be shared with Dr. Cartwright.
7. **Committee Structures and plans for developing CCCC.** – Thomas Borchert shared a proposed process for developing a permanent form for the Catamount Core Curriculum Committee (CCCC). The proposal includes a timeline, and suggested configuration of an ad hoc group tasked with drafting a charge and proposal. No objections or concerns were received regarding the proposed process. Thomas Borchert opened discussion regarding the existing Faculty Senate committees, potential for adding new committees, overlapping responsibilities of existing committees, and the capacity for membership and staffing. Discussion included the potential for expanding the charge of existing committees to incorporate and align the work with land grant and DEIJ, models for increased engagement between committees and the senate, and ideas for soliciting feedback from the Faculty Senate regarding their understanding of the committee structure and authority.
8. **Grad Council Exec Report and Reports from Representatives to the Board of Trustees**
Thomas Borchert asked the Executive Council members who were at the Board of Trustees meeting to write a paragraph about what happened at the February meeting to be included in the Faculty Senate agenda under reports that do not require a senate vote.
9. **Agenda for P & P meeting with Executive Council – (February 23, 9:30 – 10:15) – The Executive Council is meeting with the President and Provost as part of the** Thomas Borchert will ask the President and Provost for suggested agenda topics. If no pressing discussion items are suggested, the meeting will be cancelled.

10. Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting (Monday, February 26, 4:00-4:30 PM, Waterman Memorial Lounge)

Motion: Stephen Everse moved to approve the February 26, 2024, Faculty Senate agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

4:00	1. Faculty Senate President’s Welcome Remarks – Thomas Borchert
4:05	2. Call for Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Senate President-Elect• Two (2) Members at large to the Executive Council
4:10	3. Consent Agenda (vote) <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Minutes of the January 2024 Faculty Senate MeetingB. Proposed addition to ‘Attendance Policy’ to address out-of-classroom expectations or requirements. (Student Affairs Committee)
4:15	4. Resolution in Memoriam: Norman Pellett presented by Terrence Bradshaw (vote)
4:20	5. Reports that do not require a Senate vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAC: 7 co-majors in School of World Languages and Cultures in CAS; 2 APR reviews Dietetics MS, Public Health BS• PSC: Guidelines for Expedited Tenure Review Process for Incoming Administrators with Faculty Appointments• Reports from Senate Representatives on the Board of Trustees
4:25	6. New Business
4:30	7. Faculty Senate Roundtable
5:30	8. adjourn

11. New Business - none at this time

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM