



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council  
March 18, 2024, 4:00 – 5:30 PM  
Minutes

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

Absent: Julianelle (at large), Prue (SAC)

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

1. **Minutes** – The minutes of the February 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. **Chair's Remarks** – Thomas Borchert reported the following:
  - UA Leadership will be rescheduled to attend the April EC meeting.
  - The P/P meeting of March 22nd was cancelled due to a conflict with the UVM Men's Basketball NCAA Tournament game.
  - The review committee to consider campus safety and academic freedom is drafting a report to be presented in April.
  - Feedback received for President Garimella's 5-year review will be shared with Dr. Cartwright. Three consistent points of feedback were 1) senators were unfamiliar with the President's Strategic Goals and Amplifying Our Impact. Two areas of awareness were R1 and tuition. 2) two areas senators stated the President has done well were his support for research and handling of the pandemic. 3) senators stated that the president has been absent and areas for growth included the need to communicate more and listen better.
  - The April 8<sup>th</sup> EC meeting will be rescheduled to April 15<sup>th</sup> because of the eclipse.
  - A group has been formed and will begin meeting this week to discuss the possible next steps for the Catamount Core Curriculum Committee.
  - The review of the Libraries reorganization proposal will begin again. There have been potential changes based on survey feedback.
  - Meeting modality for AY24-25 will remain the same as AY23-24.
3. **Meet with United Academics Leadership** – The UA leadership was unable to attend this meeting and will be rescheduled for the April meeting. Thomas Borchert shared areas of

common concern that may be opportunities for collaboration, including the Data Management Policy, and faculty nondisclosure agreements for phased retirement.

4. **CAC Consent Agenda** – Stephen Everse put forward the following two items to be placed on the senate consent agenda for vote at the March meeting:
  - A. New mCGS Scientific Computing
  - B. New CGS Semiconductor Engineering and Physics

**Motion:** Stephen Everse moved to place the items presented on the consent agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting. The motion was seconded and **carried unanimously**.

5. **Workflow and guidelines for Faculty Senate and Administration** –Tom Borchert shared a draft set of guidelines designed to ensure that the administration consults with faculty. The preliminary guidelines are intended to open discussion. Discussion included different levels of information sharing and goals for sharing, including advising, advocating, acting as a resource, allies, or important holders of information. It was suggested that the first 10-minutes of the P/P meeting, and the Senate meeting be used for updates on things in the pipeline. Additional thoughts regarding the draft guidelines should be sent to Thomas Borchert.
6. **Open Scholarship after Senate resolution** – Thomas Borchert opened discussion regarding implementation of the resolution passed by the Senate last spring. Two outcomes of the resolution include the resulting Brief on the UVM Faculty Senate’s Open Access Resolution, Context, Implications, and Guidance put forward by Meredith Niles, Dean Geffert and Tom, and the Provost has added an Academic Success Goal on open scholarship. Discussion included the difference in the cost of open access based on the journal and field of study, and the fact that not all grant money can be used to pay the open access fees. Money is needed to fund open access, but it is not clear how much money is needed. More discussion will be needed.
7. **Research Data Management Policy** – Thomas Borchert recognized Louis deRosset to discuss faculty concerns regarding a provision in the proposed new policy, stating that the “university owns all research data created or acquired by university employees, including faculty, staff, student employees and post docs, regardless of funding source, unless otherwise stated in this policy or other university policy, the university may grant rights to research data to others, such as through contracts, data use agreements, licenses or material transfer agreements where allowable.” This is a concern to social scientists whose research involves people in marginalized populations. There are federal guidelines that require safeguards on the management and sharing of data. Discussion included the desire to understand why the policy requires university ownership of the data as opposed to constraints on the conditions under which it is shared or transferred. Questions were raised regarding the relationship to current IRB guidelines around behavioral and social science research data. Thomas Borchert will reach out to the UVM Compliance Officer, Tessa Lucy, and to the UA leadership for a status update. If required, additional action may include a

memo requesting clarification on policy goals, and guidelines for researchers on the use and transfer of data.

8. **Senate Roundtable feedback.** – Thomas Borchert opened discussion on the feedback received from senators at the February roundtable. Observations shared included a lack of knowledge and understanding of the Faculty Senate, bylaws, and committees. Discussion included increasing knowledge of committee work, orientation and onboarding, integration of DEIJ into existing committees, increasing senator service on committees, and structuring meeting patterns to increase participation.
9. **Agenda for P & P meeting with Executive Council – (Friday, March 22, 1-1:45 - cancelled)** – Thomas Borchert stated that this meeting has been cancelled due to the conflict with the men’s basketball NCAA Tournament game.
10. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting (Monday, March 25, 4:00-4:30 PM, on Teams)**  
**Motion:** Evan Eyler moved to approve the proposed March 25, 2024, Faculty Senate agenda and allow Thomas Borchert discretion to make modifications. The motion was seconded and carried.

4:00	1. Faculty Senate President’s Welcome Remarks – Thomas Borchert
4:05	2. Election update
4:10	3. Consent Agenda (vote) A. Minutes of the February 2024 Faculty Senate Meeting B. Curricular Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New CGS in Semiconductor Engineering &amp; Physics</li> <li>• New mCGS in Scientific Computing</li> </ul>
4:15	4. Meeting Modality (2024-25)
4:30	5. Reports that do not require a Senate vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curricular Affairs Committee: Revisions to M.Ed. Curriculum &amp; Instruction and to M.Ed. in Interdisciplinary Studies, New Co-majors in Mathematics and in Business Administration, and an APR in Nutrition &amp; Food Science.</li> <li>• Financial &amp; Physical Planning Committee: Report on CTP discussion</li> <li>• Student Affairs Committee: Courses taken by High School students who matriculate at UVM</li> </ul>
4:40	6. Planetary Health Research Agenda Presentation by Provost Patricia Prelock followed by breakout discussion
5:10	7. New business
5:20	8. adjourn

11. **New Business** - none at this time

**The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM**