



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council  
October 09, 2023, 4:00 – 5:30 PM  
Minutes

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

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

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The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM on Microsoft Teams  
With no objections, President Borchert modified the agenda to include a vote on to items brought forward by the CAC to be included on the Senate Consent Agenda.

1. **Minutes** – The minutes of the September 2023 meeting were approved as written.
2. **Chair's Remarks** – Thomas Borchert made the following remarks:
  - The Senate has a formal role in the 5-year review of Deans. Dean of the Libraries is up for the 5-year review. The Senate Executive Council appoints three (3) faculty members to the review committee. Names of faculty members to consider should be forwarded to Tom Borchert.
  - Advising for minors was discussed under new business at the September meeting. Tom Borchert has forwarded the matter to the Student Affairs Committee.
- 2.A. **Curricular Affairs Committee items** – Colby Kervick presented the following item for the Senate agenda as a report of actions voted and approved by the CAC:
  - A. Approval of eight (8) new Micro-Certificates of Graduate Study that are related to the existing Certificates of Graduate Study in Epidemiology, Public Health, Global and Environmental Health, and Health Services Administration submitted by the Graduate Public Health Program of the Larner College of Medicine and the Graduate College.

**Motion:** Guillermo Rodriguez moved to place the Curricular Affairs items onto the Senate agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
3. **Revised Academic Success Goals** – Thomas Borchert opened discussion on draft 4 of the Academic Success Goals, which includes revisions based on prior Executive Council discussions with the Provost and the Academic Leadership team as well as feedback from

the Council of Deans. Discussion included desire for additional clarity around measurement of priority of goals. The Executive Council will send a detailed memo to the Provost with final feedback on the revised draft. Tom Borchert requested Executive Council members to send him any specific line-item feedback they would like to be included in the memo.

4. **Eclipse Day Proposal** – Thomas Borchert presented a draft resolution for Eclipse Day. The Registrar will be submitting a formal proposal to the Faculty Senate. The current draft includes the following resolution:

“Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate supports this designation with the understanding that the day will be dedicated to learning through events and activities associated with the eclipse. Those faculty who are unable to adjust their class and substituting it with an alternative instructional day without significant impact to students' educational experience will be able to opt out of Alternative Instruction by noting this in their syllabus and filling out an online form prior to March 29.”

Thomas Borchert and Evan Eyler have discussed the next steps with the President and Provost and reported that the faculty group will create the programs and the administration will be responsible for life and safety issues. The Chief Safety and Compliance Officer, Michael Schirling, be the point person for the organizational aspect of this process, and Wendy Koenig, Executive Director of Government Relations, will work with the city. Discussion included clarification of the opt-out process, and concerns about the level of participation. Tom Borchert anticipates additional edits to the current draft prior to distribution to the Faculty Senate for vote at the October meeting.

5. **Library Reorganization Proposal** – Thomas Borchert provided an update on the review of the UVM Libraries Organization Plan. The proposal was circulated to the full faculty and staff for comment on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The survey form for feedback will close at noon on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The ad hoc review committee has scheduled meetings with the Libraries Dean and with the Deans Council. Discussion included concerns about the process, the importance of including the voice of Libraries faculty and staff, the desire for Libraries faculty to have an opportunity to vote on the proposal without coercion or retaliation, and questions about the role and authority of the Faculty Senate.
6. **Planetary Health Proposal** — Due to time constraints this item was not discussed but was suggested as an agenda item for the next meeting with the President & Provost.
7. **Agenda for P & P meeting with Executive Council – (Mon. Oct 16, 2:30 – 3:15)**
  - Planetary Health Proposal and some issues we are interested in understanding
    - a) Timeline of proposal
    - b) Impact on campus stakeholders not in proposal
    - c) Intersection of proposal and ASGs
8. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting (Monday, October 23, 4:00-5:30 PM, 107 Ifshin Hall, Keller Room** - Thomas Borchert will distribute a draft agenda via email for electronic vote later this week.

9. **New Business** – none at this time.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM**