



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

October 16, 2017 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Waterman 427A

Minutes

Present: Professors Almstead, Beckage, Burns, Carney, Chittenden, Eyler, Giangreco, Mehrtens, Paris, Zdatny

Absent: Professor Barnaby, Higgins, Prue, Toolin

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in Waterman 427A

1. **Approval of September 11, 2017 Minutes.** Minutes were approved as presented
2. **Degree Corrections.** Laurie Eddy presented one degree correction request from the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.
Motion: Laura Almstead moved to approve the degree correction as presented.
Vote: 8 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
3. **President's Remarks.**
 - Cathy Paris welcomed Evan Eyler, newly elected at-large member to the Executive Council.
 - There will be a Retirement Celebration for former Executive Committee member, Alison Pechenik on Wednesday, December 13th from noon – 1:00 p.m. in 207 Votey. Executive Council members interested in attending, please RSVP to Laurie Eddy. Laurie will RSVP for the Executive Council.
 - Cathy Paris requested that the chairs of the Senate standing committees consider drafting bylaws or operating procedures for the work of the committee. The Professional Standards Committee recently drafted a document that can be used as an example.
4. **PSC Voting Resolution.** Michael Giangreco presented the Resolution on Rank Voting that outlines the Professional Standards Committee operating procedure for voting on RPT cases. The PSC will bring the Resolution to the October Faculty Senate meeting for vote. If approved, the Resolution will establish that PSC members are eligible to vote on RPT cases at, or below, their own rank. This means that: (a) full professors on the PSC are eligible to vote on all RPT cases, except those in their home department/unit, and (b) associate professors on the PSC are eligible to vote on all RPT cases except bids for full professor and those in their home department. Regardless of voting eligibility, the perspectives of all members will be considered in both presenting RPT cases and the subsequent discussions prior voting, because regardless of rank all PSC members have valuable perspectives to share that can inform the vote.
5. **Committee to Coordinate the General Education Program.** Cathy Paris announced that this item will be pulled from the October Senate meeting agenda. The chairs of the General Education

Curriculum Review Committees will continue to meet to review and agree on a structure for the General Education Coordination Committee.

6. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Wednesday, October 18th, 11:00 a.m - 12 p.m.**

Discussion items considered:

- UVM Free Speech and Right of Assembly Policies policy?
- Suggestions for additional topics should be emailed to Cathy.

7. **Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting of October 23.**

- Approval of the minutes of the September 18 Senate meeting
- Degrees (Graduate)
- Resolutions in Memoriam for Leslie Morrissey and Martin Kuehne
- Senate President's Remarks
- Provost's remarks
- Athletics Advisory Board Report (10 minutes of presentation and about 5-10 minutes for Q and A) Rocky Dewitt and Pablo Bose
- PSC Voting Resolution – Michael Giangreco resolution vote
- Data Management (include report with the agenda) – Chris Burns will highlight the report sent to the Provost and take questions.
- Departmentally Controlled *myUVM* Portal Integrated Online Course Evaluation Platform – Resolution vote – Thomas Chittenden
- Response to the Motions approved at the May 18 Senate Meeting
- New business

8. **Banner-Integrated Online Course Evaluations.** Thomas Chittenden presented the Resolution to be brought to the October meeting of the Faculty Senate from the SAC and ERTC for vote. The vote asks the Senate to support the implementation of a *myUVM*-integrated, departmentally controlled, course evaluation platform; and to charge a joint Administration/Faculty Senate committee to develop a Request For Information (RFI) to solicit vendor proposals on a course evaluation platform to meet the desired characteristics outlined in the Resolution.

9. **Response to the Motions approved at the May 18 Senate Meeting.** Cathy Paris reported that the Senate office received five self-nominations from Senators to serve on the ad-hoc committee. The volunteers are: Thomas Borchert (Religion, CAS), Julie Roberts (Romance Languages & Linguistics, CAS), Terrance Cuneo (Philosophy, CAS), Chris Callahan (Extension, CALS), and Eyal Amiel (Medical Laboratory, CNHS). In accordance with the Senate bylaws, a vote of the Executive Council is needed to appoint the ad hoc committee. The committee will terminate when their assignment is complete or within one year of the date of appointment, whichever is shortest. They may be reappointed. The purpose of the ad-hoc committee, as outlined in the original motion, is to examine the Faculty Senate process and procedures. Two articles were discussed and distributed to members of the Executive Committee about Faculty Senate structure/process. **Motion:** Michael Giangreco moved to charge an ad-hoc committee of the five volunteer Senators (listed above) to examine Faculty Senate process and procedures. **Vote:** 9 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

10. **New Business** – Steve Zdatny requested that a discussion of the use of evaluations be placed on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Executive Council Meeting with the President and Provost: Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 11 am-noon, PCR
Next Executive Council Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2017, 4-5:30 p.m., 427A Waterman

Executive Council Meetings

Mondays 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. 427A Waterman

11/13/17

12/11/17

1/8/18

2/12/18

3/19/18

4/9/18

5/7/18

EC Meeting with President/Provost

President's Conference Room

10/18/17, 11a.m.-12p.m.

11/17/17, 10-11 a.m.

12/13/17, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m