



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

March 18, 2019 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Waterman 427A

Minutes

Present: Professors Almstead, Beckage, Burns, Chittenden, Eyler, Giangreco, Harrington, Paris, Ross, Stickle, Toolin

Absent: Professor Carney

Guests: Jim Vigoreaux

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. in Waterman 427A

- I. **Approval of February 11, 2019 Minutes.** President Paris moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

- II. **Degree Corrections.** Laurie Eddy presented degree corrections from the Graduate College and the Rubenstein School for Environment and Natural Resources for consideration.
Motion: Cathy Paris moved to approve the degree corrections as presented.
Vote: 9 Approve, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

- III. **Chair's Remarks** – Cathy Paris made the following remarks:
 - The March Senate meeting will include a call for final nominations for the open positions of Vice President and two (2) members at-large. Nominations have been received via webform. Two Senators, Evan Eyler and Tom Borchert, have received nominations for members at-large. Five nominations have been received for Vice President, including Louis deRosset, Andrew Barnaby, Chris Burns, Mary Lou Kete, and Susanmarie Harrington. Louis declined the nomination. Andrew, Chris and Susanmarie have accepted the nomination, and Mary Lou has not confirmed.
 - The ad-hoc committee on Senate procedures submitted their final report (attached to these minutes), and will present it as advice to the Executive Council at the March Senate meeting.
 - Cathy opened a discussion around the interest expressed at the February Senate meeting for censuring the Board of Trustees for their conduct around the Presidential search process. Discussion included alternative actions to censure. Suggestions included forming a committee to gather data about the new search trend, and a formal letter to Board requesting a more open and transparent process whenever possible. Executive Council members interested in being part of this effort should email Cathy Paris.

- IV. **Topic Ideas for August Campus-Wide Faculty Conference.** Jim Vigoreaux, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, opened a conversation around the theme for the 4th annual campus-wide faculty conference. Criteria for the theme includes topics that:
- are of interest to the broader university community,
 - are timely and relevant to the national discourse,
 - have campus experts available to serve as plenary speakers, or discussion facilitators,
 - have relevance to a major university initiative,
 - are related to the 1st year summer read
 - have relevance to one or more sponsored university event, such as a Burack lecture or Blackboard Jungle.
- For the past four years, the keynote speaker has been UVM faculty, and Jim wants to continue this tradition. Potential themes were discussed, and included:
- Scholarly communications and open access
 - Teaching in the era of the erosion of standards of truth
 - General Education
 - Teaching leadership in an era of political disfunction
 - Civility and civic engagement
 - The purpose of college - traditional idea of a college education and the shift to idea that college education is about job training
 - The role of imagination, creativity and storytelling in college
- V. **Curricular Affairs Consent Agenda.** Laura Almstead presented two items: the CAC report out of items that do not require a Senate vote, and a proposal for a new Minor in Computer Science Education (CESS). Both reports are attached to these minutes.
Motion: Cathy Paris moved to place the CAC consent agenda on the March Senate agenda
Vote: 11 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- VI. **Roundtable Discussion Topic for April Senate Meeting.** The April Senate meeting will include a faculty roundtable. Five suggestions for roundtable discussion were submitted to the Senate office via webform, and are attached to these minutes. General Education was discussed as another possible topic. Discussion included the importance of having a clear process and stated outcome for the roundtable.
- VII. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**
 Upcoming Senior Leadership Transition: how planning is being carried out in the Wing and what the Senate’s role might be in facilitating the transition
- VIII. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting of February 25**
- Minutes of the February 25 Senate meeting (2 min)
 - ~~Resolution in Memoriam for Jill Tarule (CESS), (10 min)~~ Moved to April
 - FS President’s Remarks, Cathy Paris (5 min)
 - Call for Nominations, Senate VP, two at-large members (5 min)
 - Curricular Affairs Committee Consent Agenda, Laura Almstead (5 min)
 - ~~Course Evaluation Platform presentation, Thomas Chittenden (10 min)~~ Moved to April or May
 - Ad-hoc committee on Senate Policies and Processes, Report (5 min)
 - Richard Cate on the UVM Financial Situation (45 min)
 - New Business (5 min)
 - Adjourn
- IX. **New Business 5 min**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m