



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council  
February 14, 2022, 4:00 – 5:30 PM  
Minutes

Present: Professors Borchert, Eycler, Burns, Delaney, Everse, Julianelle, Knodell, Lopez-Vicuna, Paris, Read, White

Absent: Professors Bonifield, Cushman, Gould, Prue

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

**1. Minutes** of the January 2022 meeting were approved as written.

**2. Chair's Remarks**

- a) Matthew White will be replacing Kyle Ikeda on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
- b) ERTC Co-chair Bob Wilden is unable to continue on the ERTC and no longer will be co-chair.
- c) Next year there may be additional committees that will need to be added to the senate so there will need to be a closer look at the bylaws.
- d) President Borchert sent out two policies on February 4<sup>th</sup> for members of the Executive Committee to review. The first policy is on Emergency Management and Institutional Continuity and the second on Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine Policy for Employees. Comments need to be sent to President Borchert by tomorrow.
- e) Calendar Discussion. President Borchert presented two possible calendar options for the senate for the 2022/ 2023 academic year.

**3. Degree Corrections.**

- The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences wishes to add two students to the January 2022 graduation list.
- The College of Arts and Sciences wishes to add one student to the August 2021 graduation list.
- The College of Arts and Sciences wishes to add one student to the January 2022 graduation list.

- The College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences wishes to remove one student from the January 2022 graduation list.

**Motion:** Stephen Everse moved to accept the Degrees Corrections; Cathy Paris seconded the motion.

**Vote: 9 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carries**

#### 4. Posthumous Degree.

The Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, and the family of Tim Allen, who was expected to graduate in December 2021, have requested consideration for the award of a posthumous degree. The Provost's Office has reviewed Tim Allen's academic record and found that as a senior who was on track to meet degree requirements for a BS degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism in December 2021, he meets the criteria for the award of a posthumous degree in May, 2022. Therefore, we have approved this posthumous request.

The award of this posthumous degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism will celebrate Tim's accomplishments along with graduates at the May ceremony. Thank you for your consideration in the conferral of this degree.

**Motion:** Cathy Paris moved to accept the Posthumous Degree; Stephen Everse seconded the motion.

**Vote: 8 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carries**

#### 4. CAC Consent Agenda – Stephen Everse recommended the following items for the CAC Consent Agenda:

- a. Clinical and Translational Sciences APR Report
- b. Subcommittee report on new PhD in Transdisciplinary Leadership and Creativity for Sustainability (RSEN and Graduate College)

The committee discussed the PhD in Transdisciplinary Leadership and Creativity for Sustainability. The CAC had few concerns and Matt Kolan was at the CAC meeting to answer questions. Stephen Everse will ask Matt Kolan to be at the Faculty Senate meeting to answer questions that may come up during the Faculty Senate meeting.

**Motion:** The consent agenda came moved from the Curricular Affairs Committee.

**Vote: 8 approve, 1 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carried.**

**5. Art and Science Report.** To receive a full copy of the report please email [facsen@uvm.edu](mailto:facsen@uvm.edu). The Executive Committee discussed the report, some of the concerns included.

- All majors and minors will have to go under a change with the new Catamount Care Curriculum. This may be a good time to think more globally and make changes.
- Innovation and entrepreneurship, how that language is perceived and who it targets.
- The incorporation of study abroad and foreign studies and how it fits into a students projected path.

The Executive Council discussed the use of break out rooms to discuss the Arts and Science report at the full Faculty Senate meeting. Non senate members will be asked to leave the conversation, and the rest will be put in groups of 5 or 6. Each group will be asked to submit a statement to President Borchert after the breakout session. President Borchert will come up with a list of questions that will be circulated for feedback by the end of the week.

**8. Intro to Senate Census.** This topic will be moved to the March meeting due to time.

**9. Board of Trustees Bill.** Last year a bill was introduced to the Vermont House and Senate to change the composition of the UVM Board of Trustees, it has not changed since 1955. The Board consist of 25 members. Nine members are elected by the Vermont General Assembly and constitute the Vermont Agricultural College Board established in 1865. Nine self-perpetuating members constitute the University of Vermont Board founded in 1791. Three members are appointed by the Governor of Vermont and two students are elected by the Associated Directors for the Appointment of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College Student Trustees, Incorporated. The Governor and the President serve as ex-officio members during their terms of office. Each member serves a six-year term, with the exception of the student members who serve two-year terms. All terms begin on March 1. This bill did not go anywhere. There is a new push to add three faculty members and three staff members to the Board of Trustee. United Academics has been working with legislators on this bill. It will be determined in the next couple weeks if the bill will move forward. The topic will be opened at the February meeting to be taken up at a future meeting if the senate choses.

**7. Agenda for P&P Meeting.** Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 1:45. The committee wants to discuss the Arts and Science Proposal and then either what the administrations two major priorities are or the Board of Trustee Bill. President Borchert will send out an e-mail to determine the second topic.

**9. Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting Monday, February 28, 2022 4:00 – 5:30 PM**

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Monday, February 28, 2022  
4:00 – 5:30 pm, Waterman 338

## Agenda

3:00	1. Faculty Senate President's Welcome Remarks – Thomas Borchert [5 min]
4:05	2. Consent Agenda (vote) [5 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of the January 2022 Faculty Senate Meeting</li> <li>• Curricular Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Clinical and Translational Sciences APR Report</li> <li>b. Subcommittee report on new PhD in Transdisciplinary Leadership and Creativity for Sustainability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4:10	3. Reports: closing Geology Department
4:15	4. Board of Trustees and the Senate - report
	5. Art and Science report
	6. New Learning Management Systems (discussion) Simeon [postponed to March]
5:25	7. New Business [5 min]
5:30	8. Adjourn

The draft agenda does not need to go out until 2/18/22, 2/21/22 is a holiday. Thomas will e-mail the Executive Committee at the end of the week when the agenda is set for approval.

9. New Business – none at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM