



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council
September 20, 2021, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

Present: Professors Borchert, Eyler, Burns, Bonifield, Cushman, Delaney, Ikeda, Julianelle, Kervick, Knodell, Lopez-Vicuna, Paris, Wood

Absent: Professors Beltre, Everse, Prue, Read

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM on Microsoft Teams.

Motion: Evan Eyler moved to add to the agenda a vote on a degree correction request. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

1. **Minutes** of the May, 2021 meeting were approved as written.
2. **CAC Consent Agenda.** Colby Kervick recommended the following items for the CAC Consent Agenda:
 - Name Change Department of Leadership and Developmental Sciences (DLDS) (CESS)
 - No Contest Termination MS and PhD in Molecular Physiology and Biophysics (GRAD/LCOM)
 - No Contest Termination PhD in Pharmacology (GRAD/LCOM)
 - No Contest Termination PhD in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics (GRAD/LCOM)

Motion: Cathy Paris moved to place the recommended items from the CAC on the Senate consent agenda. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

3. **Degree Corrections.** Laurie Eddy presented a request from the Grossman School of Business for degree corrections to the May 2021 and August 2021 Graduates Lists.

Motion. Chris Burns moved to approve the degree corrections as presented. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

4. **Chair's Remarks** – Thomas Borchert made the following remarks:
 - Two goals for the Senate are to increase structures for faculty participation in long-term strategic planning, and to increase faculty understanding of university fiscal and physical resources.

- Two goals for the Executive Council are to work more effectively in bringing the work of the Senate committees to the EC for discussion, and to gather information from the standing committees regarding lessons learned from the pandemic. Tom asked committee chairs to add a discussion to their agenda on what has worked/no worked over the last 18-months (tools and practices utilized in the committee, as well as experiences not directly related to the committee work).
- The Executive Council will likely be required to set-up an ad hoc committee to review proposals for academic reorganization later this fall.

5. Athletic Advisory Board

Thomas Borchert reported that the Faculty Senate office circulated a call for nominations to fill three vacancies on the Athletics Advisory Board. Ten faculty members submitted candidate statements, which were reviewed by the Executive Council. The Faculty Senate Executive Council has nominated the following three candidates to serve 4-year terms on the Athletics Advisory Board: Bernice Garnett (CESS), Jonathan Flyer (LCOM), and Shelly Rayback (CAS).

6. Current issues: Senate Procedures and Academic Freedom policy

- Thomas Borchert reminded the Executive Council that the Procedures Relating to Academic Reorganization that were passed by the Senate in May, were not approved by the President and Provost. Tom Borchert, Chris Burns, and J. Dickinson worked over the summer to revise the procedures to address the concerns of the administration. Chris Burns stated that it is important to have standardized procedures that include faculty voice, and that the processes need to work for both the faculty and the administration. A draft of the revised procedures will be shared with the Faculty Senate for discussion at the September meeting, followed by a vote at the October Senate meeting.
- Thomas Borchert stated that the Academic Freedom policy was passed by the RSCA twice but has not been brought to the Senate for vote due to various concerns by the administration. Mary Cushman and Mildred Beltre have a meeting with Sharon Paulson this week to discuss the concerns.
- The Faculty Senate are partners in shared governance with the administration, and the Executive Council will need to ensure that communication occurs with more effectively with the administration.

7. Agenda for P&P Meeting (9/15, 4:00-4:45, President’s Conference Room, in person)

- Introductions and Goals for the year
- Discussion UVM Forward and Fall COVID response

8. Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting 9/20, 4:00- 5:30 PM)

4:00	1. Faculty Senate President’s Welcome Remarks – Thomas Borchert <i>[5 min]</i>
4:05	2. Consent Agenda (vote) <i>[5 min]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the August 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting • Curricular Affairs CAC Consent Agenda

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4:10	3. Degree Conferrals (vote) [5 min]
4:15	4. Resolutions in Memoriam (vote) [10 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Justin Joffe, Professor Emeritus of Psychology (CAS) - John Green b) James Loewen, Professor Emeritus of Sociology (CAS) - Thomas Macias
4:25	5. UVM Forward and COVID discussion – Gary Derr [20 min]
4:45	6. Procedures for various levels of Academic Organization (discussion) [attachments will be posted by Thursday, 9/16 at 5:00 PM] [25 min]
5:10	7. UVM and R1 Status – Kirk Dombrowski [attachments will be posted by Thursday, 9/16 at 5:00 PM] [15 min]
5:25	8. New Business [5 min]
5:30	9. Adjourn

Motion: Cathy Paris moved to place UVM Forward and COVID discussion to item 5, and the Procedures for various levels of Academic Organization to item 6 and approve the agenda. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

- 9. **New Business** – none at this time.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.