



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

January 14, 2019 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Waterman 427A

Minutes

Present: Professors Almstead, Burns, Chittenden, Eyer, Giangreco, Harrington, Paris, Stickle, Toolin

Absent: Professors Beckage, Carney, Prue, Ross

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. in Waterman 427A

1. **Approval of December 10, 2018 Minutes.** President Paris moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.
2. **Degree Corrections.** Laurie Eddy presented a degree correction requested by the Graduate College. President Paris moved to approve the degree correction as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.
3. **Chair's Remarks** – Cathy Paris made the following remarks:
 - Andrew Barnaby has stepped down as chair of the FPPC, and Don Ross has been elected to finish the academic year as chair. Don will also serve on the Executive Council.
 - The calendar of Senate and Senate committee meetings for 2019-2020 is in development. Committees are not required by the Senate Constitution and Bylaws to meet every month. Chairs are free to determine the meeting pattern to suit the committee workload. The Senate office will be providing a suggested meeting pattern and schedule of meeting dates to each committee chair for review prior to election season. Committee meeting dates for the full academic year are included in the election materials provided to each unit by the Senate office. Executive Council members are encouraged to advocate within their units to ensure the meeting dates are included in the call for nominations.
 - Jan Carney's term as Vice President will be ending in June, and she will not run for re-election. A call for nominations will go out in February. Members of the Executive Council are asked to consider running, or to identify a colleague that might be interested in standing for election. Any UVM faculty member with an FTE of 0.1 or greater is eligible to run for Senate VP. Prior experience with the Faculty Senate is highly desirable.
 - The Senate Constitution and Bylaws states that the Executive Council shall arrange for presentations to the Faculty Senate, at least annually, on the University financial situation. Richard Cate is scheduled for 45-minutes on the March Senate agenda. Half of his time will be Q&A. The email notice for the February agenda should include a call for questions or topics Senators would like to have included in Mr. Cate's presentation.

4. **Topics for Focused Discussion at Spring Senate Meetings (February, April), Call for Ideas.**

Suggestions included:

- IBB: The process for considering the unintended or negative consequences of IBB. New programs have a process, new courses do not. A broader based discussion.
- Special Topics Courses –Deans have been charged with assigning someone to monitor special topics courses, and a directive to look at 30-day comment period list of courses.
- Brainstorming means of improving the gap between the Vermont High School graduation rates and college entrance rates.
- Faculty workload – advising/teaching and workload standards.
- Engaging Senators – ask to vote or rank preferences, explore how topics relate to governance, institute the two-meeting process 1) gather topics, 2) discuss topics
- University response to fake news – attack on science, higher ed, data. Big picture – not day to day.

5. **CAC Consent Agenda.** Laura Almstead presented five items for the CAC consent agenda:

- CAC Report Out
- Name Change Certificate of Graduate Study in Complex Systems (CEMS)
- New Minor in Reporting and Documentary Storytelling (CAS)
- New Undergraduate Certificate in Integrative Health and Wellness Coaching and New Continuing Education Academic Certificate in Integrative Health and Wellness Coaching (CNHS)
- New Undergraduate Certificate in Religious Literacy in Professions (CAS)

Motion: Cathy Paris called a vote to approve the consent agenda as presented for inclusion on the Faculty Senate January agenda.

Vote: 9 Approve, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

6. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Wednesday, January 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Evan Eyler suggested a discussion around the undermining of truth, science, and data at the national level, and the potential effect on students and the University's response.

7. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting of January 28, 2019**

- Minutes of the December 17 Senate meeting (*2 min*)
- Conferral of Degrees (*10 min*)
- Resolution in Memoriam, Reidun Nuquist, Alice Stokes (LIB)(*10 min*)
- FS President's Remarks, Cathy Paris (*5 min*)
- UVM President's Remarks, Tom Sullivan (*5 min*)
- Student Mental Health Needs, Dr. Harry Chen (*20 min*)
- Retirement Oversight Committee, Jes Kraus (*15 min*)
- Curricular Affairs Committee Report, Laura Almstead (*20 min*)
- New Business (*5 min*)

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

9. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.