



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

May 8, 2017 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Waterman 427A

Minutes

Present: Professors Barnaby, Beckage, Burns, Carney, Chittenden, Danks, Gurdon, Mehrtens, Paris, Rodgers, Toolin

Absent: Almstead, Pechenick, Prue

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Waterman 427A

1. **Approval of April 10, 2017 Minutes.** The minutes were approved as written.
2. **Degree Correction.** One Degree correction was requested from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Motion: To approve the degree correction as presented.
Vote: 7 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
3. **Curricular Affairs Report.** Cathy Paris presented the CAC consent agenda for Laura Almstead, Chair of the CAC. The consent agenda included the following:
 - Uncontested request to terminate the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics
 - New Minor in Law and Society
 - Request to change the name of the program, major and BS in Exercise and Movement Science.
 - Report-out of item approved by CAC that does not require Senate vote.

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

Vote: 7 Approve, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

Note: Agenda items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 were not discussed. The Executive Council took up the discussion of the petition received from Thomas Borchert on May 4, 2017 (attached to these minutes). The petition was signed by sixteen Senators, including four Executive Council

members, and included two motions to be included on the May 18 Senate agenda. Cathy Paris opened discussion by asking the four EC member that signed the petition to provide some clarity regarding the precise goals of the petition, and the reason the issues were not brought directly to the Executive Council by its members. Discussion points included the following:

- Petitioners want the issues to be heard by the full Senate
- A desire for the Senate to be a more deliberative body with time for substantive discussion, and for more active participation by Senators.
- The Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws set the authority of the Senate, Executive Council, and committees. It is the function of the Executive Council to ensure that the Senate's authority is being carried out appropriately.
- Concern regarding work of committees coming to Senate to approve without substantive discussion. The Senate bylaws on Committees (7.1) authorizes standing committees to act for and in the name of the Senate. There is a need to honor the elected committee members and their expertise. There are very few faculty members serving as both a committee member and senator.
- Clarity is needed on the Senate role on proposals from administration

The Executive Council discussed adjustments to the draft agenda for the May Senate meeting. Cathy Paris will finalize the agenda to ensure that adequate time is allowed for discussion of the two motions presented by the petition.

4. **Process, Prioritizing Senate Projects (Per President and Provost meeting 4/19)**
5. **Graduate Student participation in Faculty Senate committees.**
6. **How to make Senate meetings more effective and more engaging for Faculty Senators**
7. Agenda for P&P Meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
8. May 18 Senate meeting agenda
 - Minutes of the April 24 meeting *2 min*
 - Senate President's Remarks *2 min*
 - ~~UVM President's Remarks~~
 - ~~UVM Provost's Remarks~~
 - CAC Business, Laura Almstead, Chair *10 min*
 - Undergraduate Retention and Reenrollment, Sarah Warrington, VP of Enrollment Management
 - Update on Program Assessment
 - Library Advisory Committee Report
 - ~~Intellectual Property Policy Revisions~~
 - Senate Committee Reports: FPPC *10 min*
 - ~~UVM Board of Trustees Chair's Remarks, David Daigle (travel will not permit)~~
 - Petition – Cathy to introduce – petitioner presents the petition – Cathy to moderate.
 - New business *5 min*
 - Adjourn
9. New Business (none at this time)
10. Adjourn – 5:44 p.m.