



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

October 15, 2018 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Waterman 427A

Minutes

Present: Professors Almstead, Barnaby, Burns, Chittenden, Eyler, Giangreco, Paris, Toolin

Absent: Professors Beckage, Carney, and Prue

Guests: Michael Gurdon

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

1. **Approval of September 10, 2018 Minutes.** President Paris moved to approve the minutes with one spelling correction. The motion was seconded and carried.
2. **Chair's Remarks** – none at this time.
3. **First-Year Experience, Residential Learning Community (RLC) Courses.** The Executive Council discussed the Educational Stewardship Committee's (ESC) report on concerns raised regarding the RLC course in the Wellness Environment (WE). Specifically, the disparities relative to the number of credits assigned to the WE course (3-credits) versus all other RLC courses (1-credit), and the IBB multiplier assigned to the LCOM course. The ESC report offered two potential solutions: 1) reducing the credits for the WE course from three to one to make it comparable to the other learning community courses; or 2) adjusting the IBB 2.0 model to achieve financial equity. Provost Rosowsky responded to the ESC report with the following statements: 1) The Curricular Affairs Committee reviewed the Behavioral Change Health Studies minor in 2015, and recommended changes to support undergraduate students, as well as a two-year review after launch. "The COMU 001 is a gateway course to the BCHS minor. If the CAC of the Faculty Senate wished to consider credit allocation within the BCHS minor as part of their review, they are welcome to do so," and 2) the IBB Steering Committee is looking at Algorithm I and the resulting revenue distribution.

The Executive Council Discussion included:

- The Senate process for receiving and addressing issues presented in reports from the ESC
- The RLC course and the BCHS minor are separate issues, and should be addressed separately
- The Senate has authority in matters related to the academic mission, and effective management of academic affairs. It is reasonable for the Senate to be involved in the RLC's at the academic level.
- Senate committees, including FPPC, SAC, and CAC have discussed this issue. Conversations will continue in these committees.
- Next step is a presentation by Annie Stevens at the October Senate meeting to offer the University perspective on RLC and WE. There will be time for Q&A. Cathy encouraged all

Executive Council members and colleagues to come prepared to ask specific questions about the 3-credit disparity, and the needs of students.

4. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Wednesday, October 17, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Items suggested for the agenda include:
 - Continued conversation and next steps in the process for addressing Jim Vigoreaux’s proposal for an expedited review process for incoming administrators with faculty appointments.
 - Clarification of the algorithm change for weighting of courses and subvention pairing. What is it attempting to solve?

5. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting of October 22**
 - Minutes of the Sept 24 Senate meeting
 - Graduate Degrees
 - Resolution in Memoriam: Nancy Jenny, LCOM, Debra Leonard
 - FS President’s Remarks, Cathy Paris
 - UVM President’s Remarks, Tom Sullivan
 - ~~UVM Provost’s Remarks, David Rosowsky~~
 - FWIL Update, Libby Miles
 - ~~Update on advising software, Sarah Warrington~~
 - Unfinished Business: Follow-up, Review Process for Incoming Administrators with Faculty appointments
 - WE Program Update, Annie Stevens

6. **New Business** – none at this time
7. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.