Welcome to the UVM Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate

- Mission and Function
- Partners in Shared Governance
- Structure of the Faculty Senate
- Faculty Senators: Roles and Responsibilities
- Introduction to the Senate Standing Committees
- Questions and Discussion
“Authority in matters related to the academic mission of the University is vested in the faculty by the Board of Trustees. This authority is exercised in the Faculty Senate”
Mission & Function of the Faculty Senate
Constitution and Bylaws

Authority: Under the authority of the Board of Trustees, the UVM Faculty Senate is empowered:

1.1 To review and establish policy with respect to all curricular matters, research and scholarship, requirements for regular certificates and degrees, professional standards and criteria for positions accorded academic rank.

1.2 To review, recommend, and participate in the formulation of policy, e.g., institutional priorities; allocation and utilization of the University's resources; the establishment or elimination of colleges and departments; faculty appointment, promotion, tenure, dismissal, leaves, and economic benefits; admission procedures and quotas; student financial aid.
Mission & Function of the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws - Preamble

- The administration and the Faculty Senate of the University of Vermont share responsibility for the effective management of the academic affairs of the University.

- Meetings of the Faculty Senate are presided over by a President and Vice-President and follow a town-meeting format at which all University faculty members have a voice.

- The activities of the Senate are overseen by an Executive Council.
Partners in Shared Governance

- The administration, led by the president and the senior vice president/provost, and the Faculty Senate share responsibility in managing the university’s academic affairs.

- The Staff Council works with the administration on issues and policies that affect university staff.

- The Student Government Association and Graduate Student Senate also play advisory roles to the administration, as well as recognizing student clubs and organizations and allocating funding.
### Structure of the UVM Faculty Senate

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Role of the President

From our Constitution and Bylaws, the Faculty Senate President:

- s/he shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate;
- serve as the Faculty's spokesperson and consultant with the administration, the Staff Council, the student body, the Board of Trustees, and the extra-university community on matters within the jurisdiction of the Senate.
The Faculty Senate

Elected Faculty Senators (70)

Elected Chairs of our Standing Committees (SAC, PSC, ERTC, RSCA, FPPC, CAC)

In case of a Tie, Faculty Senate President
4.6 Quorum. A quorum for motions for which previous notice has been given shall consist of a majority of the total number of currently elected senators. For motions without prior notice, a quorum shall consist of three-quarters of the total number of currently elected senators.

- Voting Members of the Senate: 76
- Quorum: $\frac{1}{2} + 1 = 39$

- Measured by your check in at the front desk when you take your clicker
Approval of Resolutions

4.7 Approval of Resolutions. Resolutions will be considered to have been adopted by the Faculty Senate if a quorum is present and a majority of those voting approve the proposal. Any issue may go to referendum upon request of ten percent of the eligible faculty. Every eligible faculty member will be allowed at least one week to respond to the referendum. The resolution will be considered to have been adopted if a majority of the referendum responses favor it, provided at least 25 percent of the eligible faculty members cast valid ballots in the referendum.

Warned Items:

- Resolutions will pass if a majority of those voting approve.

Unwarned items:

- Resolutions will pass if 2/3 of those voting approve.
i>clicker voting for Faculty Senate

Please register your attendance:

A. I am a Senator
B. I am a Delegate

Was my vote received?

- Press Power Button
  - Solid green light
  - Low battery if flashing red
- Press A-E button to vote
- **Green light** - vote received
- **Flashing Red light** - vote not received
# Clicker Summary Report

## Session 1 - Summary
FACULTY SENATE 2018-2019  
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**Legend**
- (NR) = No response
- AP = Anonymous Polling
- Average % = Based only on students who responded to this question

Color coding applies if a correct answer is selected:
- **Bold Red** = Incorrect
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### Clicker Voting Detail Report

#### Agenda Item 8C: Curricular Affairs

- **New Undergraduate Certificate in Integrative Health and Wellness Coaching (CNHS)**
- **New Continuing Education Academic Certificate in Integrative Health and Wellness Coaching (CNHS)**

**Poll Question:**

Please vote:
- A. Approve
- B. Oppose
- C. Abstain

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Practice Vote # 1

What year did Charlie and Kitty Catamount tie the knot?

A. 1971
B. 1983
C. 2006
Practice Vote #2

What year did the roof of Torrey Hall catch on fire?

A. 1873
B. 1951
C. 2017
Prepare for Senate meetings by reviewing meeting materials posted online

Attend Senate meetings regularly, participate in discussion and voting

Carry information between the Senate and the unit you represent

Represent your constituency in all voting matters
Prepare for Senate meetings by reviewing meeting materials posted online

- One week before each Senate meeting, materials are posted on the Faculty Senate website. A reminder notice will be sent by email.

Attend Senate meetings regularly, participate in discussion and voting

- Attendance at monthly meetings is expected. If you know you will be unable to attend, please recruit a department colleague to come in your place.

- A senator indicated as absent from two meetings of the Faculty Senate in an academic year will be considered to have vacated his/her seat.
Carry information between the Senate and the unit you represent
How can you serve as an information conduit?

- In some departments, the senator makes a report at regular faculty meetings.
- In others, the senator prepares a brief written summary of Senate meeting business and circulates it to Senate colleagues.
- Informal conversations with colleagues are often quite useful as well.
Faculty Senate Committees - Chairs

- **Senate Executive Council** - Chair: Thomas Chittenden

- **Standing Committees**
  - Curricular Affairs - Laura Almstead
  - Educational & Research Technologies - Regina Toolin and Helen Read (Co-Chairs)
  - Research, Scholarship, and the Creative Arts - Mary Cushman
  - Financial & Physical Planning - Don Ross
  - Student Affairs - Jennifer Prue and Ken Allen (Co-Chairs)
  - Professional Standards - Michael Giangreco

Each Standing Committee includes at least one member from each academic unit.
Executive Council

- **Membership**: Senate President, VP, Immediate Past president, Standing Committee Chairs (6), at-large members (4)

- **Duties**: Oversight of Faculty Senate Authority
  - Set agendas for Faculty Senate Meetings
  - Monitor Senate committee activities, establish priorities as needed
  - Consider budgetary implication for University policies and make appropriate recommendations to the Faculty Senate and the administration
  - Arrange for (at least annual) presentation to the Faculty Senate on the University financial situation
  - Liaison between Faculty Senate and Faculty Union
Faculty Senate Executive Council

- Laura Almstead, Chair, Curricular Affairs Committee
- Regina Toolin, Co-Chair, Educational & Research Technologies Committee
- Helen Read, Co-Chair, Educational & Research Technologies Committee
- Don Ross, Chair, Financial & Physical Planning Committee
- Michael Giangreco, Chair, Professional Standards Committee
- Mary Cushman, Chair, Research, Scholarship & The Creative Arts
- Jennifer Prue, Co-Chair, Student Affairs Committee
- Kenneth Allen, Co-Chair, Student Affairs Committee
- Brian Beckage, Member-At-Large (2018-2020)
- Evan Eyler, Member-At-Large (2019-2021)
- Susanmarie Harrington, Member-At-Large (2018-2020)
- Thomas Borchert, Member-At-Large (2019-2021)
- Catherine Paris, Immediate Past President
- Christopher Burns, Vice President
- Thomas Chittenden, President
Curricular Affairs Committee
Chair: Laura Almstead

- Review proposals to initiate, alter, or terminate academic programs
- Work in conjunction with the Provost’s Office to carry out the university-wide Academic Program Review process
- Review matters related to undergraduate and graduate educational policy
Educational & Research Technologies
Chair: Regina Toolin & Helen Read

- Matters related to the development and implementation of educational and research technologies at the University that guide acquisition of information literacy by students and faculty.

- Review and recommend policies and procedures relating to the planning, introduction, and use of campus-wide technologies, including computers, communications, electronic data handling, and instructional media.

- Inform the administration of educational and research priorities and needs related to information literacy and see that these are considered in all planning.
Research, Scholarship, and the Creative Arts
Chair: Mary Cushman

- Matters relating to research activities, scholarly work and the creative arts, including graduate and undergraduate education.
- Review, recommend, and participate in the formulation of policy with respect to resources related to RSCA including physical facilities, allocation of space, library resources, graduate and undergraduate RSCA programs;
- Make recommendations to assure effective use of these resources.
Financial & Physical Planning Committee
Chair: Don Ross

- Provide faculty perspective on matters relating to planning and use of the institution’s financial and physical resources

- Make recommendations matters related to the formulation of the University budget

- Maintain close liaison with all appropriate subcommittees of the Board of Trustees as well as all appropriate administrative offices and committees in its areas of responsibility.
Student Affairs Committee
Co-Chairs:  Jen Prue & Ken Allen

- Matters relating to student affairs, their effect on the educational process, and the academic climate of the University.
- Recommend policy with respect to honors programs, athletics, discipline, health service, housing, student activities, etc.
- In-depth and ongoing review of University admissions and financial aid policies, including their relation to projected enrollments.
- Establish policy in matters related to general admissions standards and prerequisites.
- Establish a continuing liaison with student government groups and with all appropriate administrative and academic offices.
Professional Standards Committee
Chair: Michael Giangreco

- Advisory to the Provost on confidential personnel matters related to faculty reappointment, promotion, and tenure, as well as on the awarding of sabbatical leaves.
- Matters related to faculty professional standards and welfare
Year Ahead

- Residential Learning Communities (RLCs)
- General Education at UVM
- University Statement on Academic Freedom
- Retirement Oversight Committee and efforts calibrating our 403 B Plan
- Student Athlete polices related to excused absences
- IBB, Absenteeism policies...and more
Faculty Senate Web Page

- https://www.uvm.edu/faculty_senate
- New Webform ‘Suggestion Box’:

- Committee Distribution Lists in GAL:
Event Tomorrow Afternoon

- Shared governance presentation by AAUP special guest Joerg Tiede
- Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- 4:00 PM 5:30 PM
- Join us for a presentation by visiting AAUP presenter Joerg Tiede, focused on the history and current challenges in shared governance at Universities.
- Location: Davis Center Frank Livak room. Light refreshments will be served.
- Email Katlyn.Morris@aftvermont.org with questions or for special accommodations.
Thank you: we look forward to working with you this year!

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