



FACULTY SENATE

Financial & Physical Planning Committee  
January 13, 2020 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Waterman 427A

**Minutes**

**Present:** Lisa Aultman- Hall (CEMS)\*, Thomas Chittenden (Faculty Senate President), Jane Knodell (CAS), Paul Philbin (LIB), Guillermo Rodriguez (CAS), Don Ross (CALs), Cory Teuscher (LCOM).

**Absent:** Teresa Cahill-Griffin (CNHS), Bryan Dague (CESS), Terri Donovan (RSENr), Marty Gillies (SGA), Sandra Nnadi (GSS), Joanne Pencak (GSB), Vacant (LCOM).

**Guests:** Richard Cate

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The meeting was called to order by chair Don Ross at 2:00pm in Waterman 427a.

- 1. Approval of December Minutes.** The minutes of December 2019 were approved as written.
- 2. Approval of Special Meeting of the FPPC Minutes.** The summary of the FPPC Special Meeting written by Jane Knodell were voted in as official minutes and will be posted to the Faculty Senate FPPC website.

At the Special Meeting of the FPPC, Provost Patty Prelock and Richard Cate gave us an update about FY21 budget planning. The next day, Pres. Garimella announced the zero tuition rate increase for next year. In retrospect, it seems the purpose of this special meeting to tell us how senior administration proposes to put the budget together in advance of the President's announcement.

Their work falls into three bundles.

A. Goal setting around enrollment, transfers, retention, graduate enrollment in ranked programs. They are identifying specific areas where our market position is strong and there is capacity to enroll more academically prepared/academically competitive students. Strategies to reach these goals include articulation agreements with "feeder" institutions, redefining the "Pathways" program to create multiple points of entry, Fall online courses for Spring admits, nondegree "certificate" programs.

B. New programs that can generate revenue, and have FY21 impact. Selected two in CEMS, one in RSENr, 1 in LCOM. "Stackable credentials" idea. These will require some investment but will also "relieve budget stress." CDE is doing market assessment on these programs.

C. Detailed analysis of the functions provided by the support centers and their cost. Richard provided example from one of the areas in his portfolio, Division Services.

### 3. Faculty Senate Resolution Requesting the University of Vermont and Affiliated Organizations Divest in Fossil Fuels.

#### Faculty Senate Resolution Requesting the University of Vermont and Affiliated Organizations Divest from Fossil Fuels

WHEREAS, the Faculty, including those who study climate change science and the impacts of climate change, recognize the local and global impacts of climate change as a critical policy issue.

WHEREAS, continued investments in the fossil fuel industry are counter to the University of Vermont's ethos as a green university with a sustainability education requirement.

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate acknowledges that maintaining fiduciary responsibility in the past has included disinvestment in such things as tobacco companies and those doing business in South Africa due to apartheid.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate reaffirms their March 2013 resolution in support of student activities at that time requesting UVM to divest from fossil fuels and requests Board action in 2020.

[include 2013 resolution]

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

4. **IBB Update, Richard Cate.** The dean's committee is closing in on a finalized algorithm 7. There should be no significant impact on a specific unit. Space is still an important topic, being efficient is still the goal. There is nothing that has gone to the president yet and there will be more conversations. It would be beneficial to treat space as its own entity and not lump it into any one algorithm. The goal is to set this in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The new LCOM building will be up for approval at the next Board of Trustees Meeting; the funding target for the new research building has been reached.

Beginning in the fall, RLC funding will flow back to the home college of the students. The Wellness Environment will have central funding as it is a common good. This is the same model for all the RLCs. The Honors College is not part of this; it has its own structure.

### 5. New Business.

- Campus Master Plan, invite someone to give the committee an update.
- Invite Robert Vaughan to give updates on current and anticipated building projects.
- Discussion on 0% tuition increase before the Faculty Senate presentation.
- Focus on budgetary issues at the college level. How does the dean present information to faculty and do they seek faculty feedback?
- What is the president's perspective on the new LCOM building?

- Wellness program, what is the overall benefit to the campus? Is the cost associated with the program worth it? Chris Burns would be a good guest to give more insight to this topic. There may be an update on this at the January 27<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate Meeting.
- Faculty Senate Bylaws review committee is something the senate will be working on over the next year.

## **6. Adjourn 3:31pm**

The next FPPC meeting will take place on January 13, 2020 in Waterman 427a.

\*On Phone