



FACULTY SENATE

Minutes  
October 24, 2016

Called to order 4:05 p.m.

**Senators in Attendance:** 60

**Absent:** Senators Franklin (Classics), Hutchins (Communication Sciences), Mathieu-Bolh (Economics), (Engineering, Mechanical), Varhue (Engineering, Electrical & Biomedical), (Family Medicine), Stokes (Libraries Rep 1), Sherriff (Libraries Rep 2), (MMG), Teuscher (Medicine), Contompasis (Pediatrics Rep 1), Beckage (Plant Biology), Eyler (Psychiatry Rep 1), Naylor (Psychiatry Rep 2), Ricketts (RSEN Rep2), Streeter (Sociology)

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**1. Approval of the Minutes (VOTE)**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of September 26, 2016

**Vote:** 95% approve, 0% oppose, 5% abstain

**2. Presentation of Degrees (VOTE)**

It was moved, seconded, and voted that the following numbers of graduates be recommended by the Senate to the President for the awarding of the appropriate degrees or certificates as authorized by the Board of Trustees. Individual names of the graduates are recorded with the Minutes of this meeting in the permanent Senate records.

Graduate College 119

- 81 candidates for the Master's degree in course
- 1 candidate for the Doctor of Education
- 25 candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degrees
- 12 candidates for the Certificate of Graduate Study

**Vote:** 100% approve, 0% oppose, 0 % abstain

**3. Faculty Senate President's Remarks – Cathy Paris**

A. President Paris presented her goals as Senate President:

- To increase the credibility and authority of the Faculty Senate through the cultivation of

- strong relationships with the administration and all governance groups at UVM.
- To participate in shared governance through active and effective collaboration with the SGA, GSS, Staff Council, Senior Leadership, and all governance groups at the University.
- B. Senators were reminded of the importance identifying themselves by name and unit when speaking on the Senate floor.
- C. President Paris invited Senators to participate in the Forums for Faculty Women, a collaborative effort between the Faculty Senate, the Division of Human Resources, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the Faculty Women's Caucus, President Sullivan, and the President's Commission for Inclusive Excellence. The forums are scheduled for:
- Tuesday, October 25** (3-4:30 p.m., Livak Ballroom, Davis Center)  
**Wednesday, October 26** (9-10:30 a.m., Silver Maple Ballroom, Davis Center)
4. **Update on United Way Campaign** – Nancy Mathews, Dean, RSENR, is serving as Vice Chair of the encouraged participation in the United Way campaign. Last year UVM had a 12% giving rate. The goal for 2016 is to raise \$150,000 with at least 15% of our faculty, staff and retirees participating as donors. Dean Mathews encouraged everyone to step up and help spread the word in your own departments and colleges that we can help the United Way help people in our community.
5. **Update on Assessment at UVM** – J. Dickinson and Brian Reed reported on the assessment initiative. The assessment initiative was launched in 2015 to establish a University system to promote and support the assessment of learning outcomes that inform curricular revision, and to prepare for the next NEASC accreditation review and site visit. The position Faculty Fellow for Assessment was filled by J. Dickinson. The presentation provided an overview of the four-year plan, including the progress to date, and the next steps. The goal is to have informative, sustainable assessment plans in place for all programs by the end of Fall 2017. The complete set of slides for J's presentation is available on the UVM Assessment website <http://www.uvm.edu/assessment/about>
6. **Curricular Affairs Committee Report – Laura Almstead (VOTE)**
- New PhD in Human Functioning & Rehabilitation Science. The Curricular Affairs Committee unanimously approved a proposal for a PhD in Human Functioning and Rehabilitation Science (HF&RS) submitted by the College of Nursing and Health Science (CNHS) in conjunction with the Graduate College. The proposed program is an academic, research-oriented interprofessional program. If approved by the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees, the program will be offered beginning Fall 2017. Collaborations with Departments across the University will provide the curricular resources necessary for an interprofessional educational experience without duplicating existing courses. The program will also facilitate generation of new knowledge that addresses research priorities among funding agencies by providing an academic training platform for research collaboration across the professional health disciplines represented by CNHS. It supports the strategic goal of both the University and CHNS to enhance our research infrastructure while requiring a minimum of resources. The new PhD is unique in its truly interprofessional approach to educating students across

disciplines. Further, the opportunities to engage in research from the molecular/cellular level to the practice and policy level to improve outcomes for patients with a variety of chronic conditions and disabilities is also a unique aspect of the program not seen across other graduate programs at the University. The ability to expose students to a spectrum of clinical translation of research across fields associated with human functioning and rehabilitation will position the proposed program at the University of Vermont among the highest-rated graduate programs available today.

**Vote:** 83% approve, 6% oppose, 11 % abstain

- 7. Open Access Week** – Chris Burns announced that the UVM Libraries is celebrating Open Access Week (October 24-30, 2016) on October 26<sup>th</sup> with a panel discussion in the Davis Center’s Jost Foundation Room at noon. A growing movement is using tools such as open access journals and repositories to transform scholarly communication on a global scale. Open access refers to literature and published research results that are made available online without access restrictions or fees and with minimal restrictions on use. Featured speaker Dr. Meredith Niles, an assistant professor in UVM’s Food Systems Program, presents “Creating an open access impact within and beyond the university.” In this talk Niles will discuss what open access is and how you can make your work more open, as well as dispel some of the myths that exist about open access. Dr. Niles will also reveal how open access has helped her in her career and ways that open access has advanced scientific research and public benefit globally. Library associate professors Laurie Kutner and Donna O’Malley will share useful information about open access resources available to the University of Vermont community, including ScholarWorks @ UVM, an institutional repository and open access publishing tool that is sponsored by the UVM Libraries. If you’re interested in Scholar Works @ UVM (<http://scholarworks.uvm.edu/>)/(<http://scholarworks.uvm.edu>), or in learning more about open access efforts at UVM, contact Donna O’Malley at [donna.omalley@uvm.edu](mailto:donna.omalley@uvm.edu) or 802-656-4415
- 8. Faculty-Led IBB Forum** – A faculty-led panel on the IBB budget model was held to further develop the themes that were identified in the IBB Roundtable discussion of the February Faculty Senate meeting. The forum was moderated by Dave Barrington, Plant Biology Department Chair and Jericho Town Meeting Moderator. The panelists were chosen because of their work on the IBB Steering Committee and the Faculty Senate’s Financial and Physical Planning Committee. The panelists also represent four of UVM’s nine degree-granting schools and colleges, and are known and respected by their faculty colleagues. Seven common themes emerged from the February roundtable discussion. The faculty panel was asked to address the seven themes during this forum. After the panelists develop the themes that were identified in the roundtable discussions in February, the forum opened for questions from the floor. The goal of the panel discussion was to improve faculty understanding of the impact of IBB on what faculty do at UVM.
- 9. Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn 5:33 p.m.