



The University of Vermont
FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2022
On Microsoft Teams 4:00 – 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President, Thomas Borchert at 4:02 PM

Senators in Attendance: 69

Absent: Senators Vacant (Anesthesiology Rep2), Vacant (Chemistry), Conroy (Counseling, Human Development & Family Science), Ramirez-Harrington (Economics), Calkins (Family Medicine Rep2), Terrien (Medicine Rep1), Spees (Medicine Rep 2), Saia (Pediatrics Rep 1), White (Physics), Dickerson (Psychiatry Rep 2)

1. Faculty Senate President's Welcome Remarks – Thomas Borchert made the following remarks:

- Reminder that the consent agenda comes moved and seconded by the Executive Council and contains items that are considered resolved. Prior to the vote, a senator may request to pull an item from the consent agenda for comment or discussion.
- Agenda item 4, the Fleming Museum change within the University Manual was warned as discussion and possible vote. This item will be treated as an unwarned vote. If the membership is ready to vote on this item after discussion, a quorum count will be held to ensure that there is a quorum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting members present prior to the vote.

2. Consent Agenda - The following items were presented as the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of the October 2022 Faculty Senate meeting
- B. CAC materials
 1. No-contest Deactivation of MA in German, CAS
 2. No-contest Deactivation of Gerontology Minor, CAS

Vote: 56 approved, 1 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried

3. Resolution in Memoriam

Luis Vivanco, Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences, presented a Resolution in Memoriam for Carroll McClure Lewin, Associate Professor Emerita of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences. The resolution is attached to these minutes.

Motion: Luis Vivanco moved to inscribe the Resolution in Memoriam for Carroll McClure Lewin in the minutes of the Faculty Senate and to have a copy sent to her family.

Vote: 55 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried

4. Fleming Museum change within University Manual

Thomas Borchert presented the following Resolution for Faculty Senate regarding the proposed change to the Fleming Museum in the University Manual. The resolution and explanatory memo were included with the meeting agenda.

Whereas the University Manual of the University of Vermont states that the Director of the Fleming Museum reports to the Provost (section 204.13.2); and

Whereas the administration of the University of Vermont has proposed that the Director of the Fleming Museum report to the Director of the School of the Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

Whereas the University Manual requires that relevant bodies be consulted if a change to the University Manual is being proposed (section 020); and

Whereas the Faculty Senate has responsibility “to review, to recommend, and to participate in the formulation of policy with regard to academic organization, including the establishment or elimination of colleges and departments and the reorganization of the general university and college academic structure” (Constitution and Bylaws, 1.2.c); and

Whereas the Faculty Senate Executive Council has reviewed the proposal to change the reporting line of the Director of the Fleming, interviewed the authors of the proposal, and received comment from Senators and the staff of the Fleming Museum; and

Whereas the Faculty Senate Executive Council has received satisfactory answers to its questions about the proposal (detailed in accompanying memo) and recommends that the Faculty Senate accept the proposal; and

Whereas the Fleming Museum is a University asset which has not been fully integrated into the University fund-raising work;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate accepts the proposed changes to the University Manual allowing for the Director of the Fleming Museum to report to the Director of the School of the Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate advises the Provost to allocate resources from the Strategic Investment Fund to provide the Fleming Museum with sufficient resources to fulfill its mission to the University community and to the State of Vermont until such time as the Fleming’s fundraising infrastructure can be sufficiently expanded as to fund its activities.

Thomas Borchert opened the floor for discussion on the resolution. One correction was requested regarding the removal of a typing error in the final paragraph. Discussion topics included the Executive Council vote was unanimous, the Fleming Museum staff concerns

with the process, the budgetary impact, and the collaborative work of UVM Foundation with the Fleming Museum and School of the Arts

A quorum count was conducted and confirmed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting members were present. Thomas Borchert called a vote on the resolution as corrected.

Vote: 55 approve, 3 oppose, 4 abstain. The resolution carried.

- 5. Procedures for establishing Centers and Institutes** – The draft procedures were presented at the October Faculty Senate meeting and included with the agenda for this meeting.

Motion: Cathy Paris moved to accept the procedures for establishing centers and institutes. The motion was seconded. Discussion included a correction to page 2 regarding proposal format. The procedures will be corrected to reflect five primary sections and appendices as the sixth section. There was no further discussion.

Vote: 61 approve, 1 oppose, 1 abstain. The motion carried.

6. Reports that do not require a Senate vote

The Curricular Affairs Committee provided a report of actions taken by the CAC that do not require a Senate vote. The Curricular affairs committee approved the following:

- Approval of a subcommittee report for the APR in Social Work
- Approval of a proposal for a substantial revision to the Linguistics Major
- Approval of a proposal for a substantial revision to the Chinese Major
- Approval of a proposal for a substantial revision to the Japanese Major
- Approval of a proposal for a substantial revision to the Sociology Major
- Approval of a proposal for a substantial revision to the Biology Major
- Approval of minor edits and updates to curricular proposal forms and routing guidance

- 7. Brightspace Implementation Update** – Wendy Verrei-Berenback, Co-Chair, Center for Teaching and Learning presented an update on the implementation of the new learning management system (LMS). The presentation slides are attached to these minutes and include reasons why Brightspace was chosen as the new LMS, the implementation accomplishments to date, the plans for the spring semester, and the phases of the Blackboard to Brightspace migration. UVM's LMS transition updates and training information are available at <https://site.uvm.edu/brightspace/>

- 8. Update on University Finances** – Richard Cate, Vice President for Finance and Administration provided an update on the UVM budget and campus plan. The presentation slides are attached to these minutes. The presentation regarding the budget included the current year operating budget, factors enabling FY24 tuition freeze, and considerations for allocation of \$10M increase in State appropriation in order to enhance affordability for students and families. The updated campus plan is slated for final adoption by the Board of Trustees in December. The last campus plan was done in 2006. Highlights of the updated plan included the acquisition and disposition of land, buildings constructed, demolished, or

renovated, and new beds available in the residence halls and privately held Redstone Lofts. of 523 acres of land in VT, 22 new buildings/additions. The 2022 plan calls for trying to effectively use what we have and to make decisions about facilities we may no longer need, and to become as efficient as possible. The engagement process involved 101 meetings across the campus. Once the plan is finalized, the full plan will be on the website. Discussion topics included funding for the tuition freeze, funding for student supports (writing center, tutoring, career advising, etc.), UVM Foundation generated revenue for student scholarships, balancing aid provided to maximize revenue while providing affordability, net tuition and fluctuations based on composition of the class, and the renegotiated contracts for health insurance plan administration and the retiree health insurance benefits. It was suggested that Jay Jacobs, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management be invited to a future meeting to provide clarity on the strategic approach to balancing the need based financial aid and bringing a diverse perspective of students to campus.

- 9. New Business** – Due to time constraints, Thomas Borchert asked Senators to send new business items to him via email.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM