



The University of Vermont  
FACULTY SENATE

**Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate  
Minutes**

Thursday, May 4, 2017, 4:15 – 6:15 pm

Present: Professors Almstead, Dale, Dickinson, Everse, Franklin, Garrison, Kasser, Kervick, Marshall, Monsen, Phelps, Rowe, Sisk, Strickler, Weinstock, Wojewoda.

Absent: Professors Cichoskikelly, Hazelrigg, Nichols, Paradis, Sisock, Tomas. GSS representative Nguyen.

Guests: Cathy Paris, Brian Reed

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The meeting was called to order at 4:17 pm in Waterman 427A

I. **Approval of the Minutes.** Jackie Weinstock moved to accept the minutes of the April, 2017 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

II. **Chairperson's Remarks** - Laura Almstead reported the following:

- At their April meeting, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the program name change from Sustainable Entrepreneurship MBA (SEMBA) to The Sustainable Innovation MBA (The SIMBA), the name change of the Certificate of Graduate Study in Environmental Public Health to the Certificate of Graduate Study in Global and Environmental Health, and the new undergraduate Certificate in Computer-Aided Engineering Technology.
- The CAC end of year report will be submitted to the Faculty Senate this week. During the current academic year, the CAC completed the review of 12 proposals to initiate, alter, or terminate academic programs. The committee also approved a new General Education Requirement and the termination of an institute.
- The Integrative Health Minor proposal was returned to the proposers with the concerns of the CAC. The reviewers, Jackie Weinstock and Steven Everse will continue to work with the proposers as they address the concerns and resubmit the proposal.
- CAC members stepping off the committee next year include, Eileen Cichoskikelly (COM), and Stephanie Phelps (CALs). Jackie Weinstock will be on sabbatical, but will return in 2018.

Cathy Paris congratulated Laura Almstead on her promotion to Senior Lecturer.

Laura Almstead opened the floor for final nominations for Chair of the CAC for academic year 2018. Laurie Eddy announced that no additional nominations were received for the position of Chair for the CAC. Laura Almstead confirmed that she is willing to continue to Chair. Laura Almstead was elected by unanimous vote.

### III. Reports

A. **Proposal for new Minor in Law and Society, CAS.** Jeffrey Marshall and Rosemary Dale reported that after the April CAC meeting, they shared the concerns expressed by the CAC with the proposers of the new minor in Law and Society, submitted by the Department of Sociology, in the College of Arts and Sciences. The proposers responded to the issues raised by the CAC, and the reviewers reported that all of the concerns have been addressed. The reviewers recommend approval.

**Motion:** Laura Almstead called a vote to approve the proposed new Minor in Law and Society submitted by the Department of Sociology, in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Vote:** 15 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

B. **Proposal for revisions to the BS in Engineering Management, CEMS.** Sue Kasser and Jennifer Strickler reported that they have reviewed the proposal for a curricular revision of Engineering Management submitted by the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences and recommend approval. The anticipated start date of the new curriculum is Academic Year 2017-2018. The proposed curriculum provides greater flexibility to students in terms of both degree requirements and scheduling, eliminates required courses that are rarely taught, and facilitates ongoing adaptation of the curriculum for an ever-evolving job market in the discipline.

**Motion:** Laura Almstead called a vote to approve the revisions to the BS in Engineering Management, in College of Engineering and Mathematical Science,

**Vote:** 15 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

### II. Other Business

A. **Name change request – Exercise & Movement Science program, major, BS degree.** The Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) request a name change from Exercise and Movement Science (EXMS) to Exercise Science (EXSC). The name change proposal includes changing the course prefix from EXMS to EXSC. The new name, Exercise Science, will only affect students who declare EXSC after the name change has been approved and will not affect student records retroactively. Reasons for the change include faculty transition, alignment with peer institutions, and aligning student expectations with the name.

**Motion:** Rosemary Dale moved to approve the name change request to change the Exercise and Movement Science program to the **Exercise Science program.**

**Vote:** 14 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

- B. Concentration elimination request - Linguistics.** The Department of Romance Languages & Linguistics in the College of Arts and Sciences is requesting to eliminate two concentrations in the Linguistics major. The concentrations are Language Studies and Formal Linguistics.  
**Motion:** Colby Kervick moved to approve the request to eliminate the two concentrations in the Linguistics major: Language Studies, and Formal Linguistics.  
**Vote:** 15 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- C. Uncontested termination request – Gund Institute for Ecological Economics.** The Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources requested a non-contested conclusion of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics (GIEE). The conclusion of the GIEE will coincide with the inception of the new Gund Institute.  
**Motion:** Sue Kasser moved to approve the request for a non-contested conclusion of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics.  
**Vote:** 15 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- D. First Year Experience update.** Brian Reed provided an update (see briefing document) on planning for a First-Year Experience seminar and to pose for discussion the models by which it should be implemented. Two models for the first-year seminar include a stand alone seminar for one-credit, or stand-alone seminar for zero-credit. A comparison table outlined the pros and cons of each model. Brian Reed will send the CAC members a description of the skills proposed to be addressed in the seminar. Discussion included the role of the Faculty Senate and involvement of faculty in development of the first year experience if it is a curricular program.

### **III. APR Reports: (none at this time)**

### **IV. New Business**

- A. APR internal review subcommittees needed for the following:
- Geology (CAS), Sept 27 & 28. Christie Wojewoda will be chair. Erik Monsen is a member of the Graduate Faculty and will serve as second on the subcommittee.
  - Asian Languages & Literature (CAS), Oct 26 & 27 – Sue Kasser will Chair, Colby Kervick will serve as second on this subcommittee.
- B. The following Review Subcommittees were formed:
- 1) CNHS proposal for a new Minor in Emergency Medical Services. Ann Hazelrigg will chair, J. Dickinson will second.
  - 2) CEMS Substantial revision to the BS in Engineering Management degree. Sue Kassar will chair and, Jennifer Strickler will second
  - 3) CNHS new Master of Science degree in Physical Activity and Wellness Science. Erik Monsen will chair and, Garth Garrison will second

Ellen Rowe moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.