



The University of Vermont
FACULTY SENATE

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

Thursday, October 5, 2017, 4:30 – 6:15 pm

Present: Professors Almstead, Dale, Dickinson, Everse, Hazelrigg, Hughes, Ivakhiv, Kervick, Marshall, Rosebush, Strickler, Tomas, Ultsch, Wojewoda, SGA Representative McHugh, GSS Representative Marcotte

Absent: Professors Garrison, Goodwin, Kasser, Monsen, Nichols, Rowe, Sisk

Guests: Cathy Paris, Brian Reed*, Veronika Carter, Cindy Forehand, Beth Taylor-Nolan, Abby McGowan

Chair Almstead called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm in Health Sciences Research Facility 300.

- I. **Approval of the Minutes.** Laura Almsted moved to accept the minutes of the September, 2017 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and carried.
- II. **Chairperson's Remarks -**
Laura Almstead reported that the proposed new Minor in Emergency Medical Services from CNHS and new MS in Physical Activity and Wellness Science from CNHS were both approved by the Faculty Senate at the September meeting. Both are on the agenda for the October Board of Trustees meeting
- III. **Reports:** (none at this time)
- IV. **APR Reports:** (none at this time)
- V. **Other Business**
 - A. **Cathy Paris, Faculty Senate President.** Welcomed all members of the CAC to attend Faculty Senate meetings as members of the senate. The hope is to have more overlap between committee members and senators.
 - B. **First Year Learning Communities at UVM, Abby McGowan.**
Abby McGowan presented the progress so far in developing First Year Learning Communities (see below). Discussion followed including questions of logistics and future plans, and suggestions were offered by CAC members. It was an

informative and productive discussion, and the CAC welcomes additional conversations to stay abreast of how things develop.

First Year Learning Communities at UVM
Presentation to the Faculty Senate's CAC
Abigail McGowan, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
October 5, 2017

- I. *Initial proposal, last year:*
University-wide 1 credit , required FYE course, UNIV 001
100% of FTFY students living in learning communities (LC) as of fall 2018

- II. *Concerns raised:*
 - a. Course development process was not inclusive
 - b. Difficult to add another required credit to various majors
 - c. Uniform course content across colleges / schools
 - d. Would increase faculty workloads

- III. *Revised plans:*
 - a. Do not require all students to live in LC
 - b. Don not create a common, uniform FY course across all students.

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 - c. Creat additional LCs to reflect wider student needs, demand
 - d. Engage faculty to creat one-credit courses for new LCs

Exsisting Learning Communities, fall 2017

Honors College
Leadership
Outdoor Experience
Sustainability
Wellness Envirnment

All opened at capacity; most had waiting lists.

72% of FTFY students this fall are in LCs.

Proposed New Learning Communities to open fall 2018

Arts & Creativity
Innovation & Entrepreneurship
Language, Culture & Lifestyle

Faculty committees working on nre LC courses:

Arts & Creativity
Eve Alexandra (CAS)
Deb Ellis (CAS)

Paula Higa (CAS)
Major Jackson (CAS)
Jenn Karson (CEMS)
Steve Kostell (CALs)
Jeffery Marshall (LIB)
Rebecca McLaughlin (CAS)
Andrea Rosen (Fleming)

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Lia Cravedi (CESS)
Bernice Garnett (CESS)
Jenn Karson (CEMS)
John Lens (CEMS)
Andy Mead (CAS)
Erik Monsen (GSB)
Joan Rosenbush (CEMS)
Rasheda L. Wever (CALs)

Language, Culture & Lifestyle

Rob Williams (CALs)
Lia Cravedi (CESS)
Luis Vivanco (CAS)
Walter Polema (RSENr)
Kyle Ikeda (CAS)
Emily Manetta (CAS)
Thomas Noel (CAS)
Ignaci Lopez-Vicuna (CAS)
Patrick Brown (CALs)
Chris Vaccaro (CAS)
Helga Schreckenberger (CAS)
Lynn Whitecloud (CESS)

VI. New Business

- A. Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering, CEMS. (Chair vacant, Jeffrey Hughes second) Laura will work to find a chair for this subcommittee.
- B. Certificates in Integrative Healthcare (Undergraduate and Continuing Education), CNHS / CDE (Chair Stephen Everse, Ellen Rowe secpmd).

VII. Adjourn moved to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

*via phone