

**Student Affairs Committee**

Minutes

March 5, 2020

8:30-10:00

Waterman 427a

**Present** Kenneth Allen (CNHS), Sin Yee Chan (CAS), Thomas Chittenden (Faculty Senate President), Terry Delaney (CALS), Jonathan Flyer (LCOM), Steve Gove (GSB), William Louisos (CEMS), Patricia Mardeusz (LIB), Jennifer Prue (CESS), Sam Pasualoni (SGA), Berke Tinaz (GSA)

**Absent** Nick Bouffard (SGA), Mia Hockett (LCOM), Trish O’Kane (RSENR), Nancy Welch (CAS)

**Guests** J. Dickinson

Co-Chair Jennifer Prue called the meeting to order at 8:35 am Waterman 427a.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of February 2020 were approved with no changes.
2. **Attendance and GPA Policy Follow-up.** Both policies passed at the February Faculty Senate meeting. There was one small amendment about the GPA Policy adding a statement about repeatable courses. Kenneth, Jennifer and J. did an excellent job presenting and fielding questions in a productive way. The policy will be in the catalog starting in the fall 2020 and goes into effect at that time.
3. **Center for Student Health and Wellbeing follow up conversation.** Jennifer will send a list of follow up questions to the Center of Student Health and Wellbeing. Some of the questions include will be
   * International students and a need for a translator for mental health.
   * How changed information is being distributed to faculty.
   * Why UVM is not using standardized tools and guidelines that other peer universities are using.

The SAC finds the way The Center for Student Health and Wellbeing is presenting data as alarming. Where is the statistical support to the data they present in their reports? It may not be an objective view. This is a discussion that should include Annie Stevens and Provost Prelock. Kenneth and Jennifer will meet with Annie around these topics and report back to the SAC.

COVID-19 information should be housed on the Center for Student Health and Wellbeing homepage. It should be geared towards students and parents. Annie Stevens sent a message to students and parents yesterday. This information is on the Presidents page. Finding a place that all information can be made available in one location a “Splash Page.”

1. **SGA Activity Priority Updates.** To view the SGA presentation to the SAC please go to this link, <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vegKTu27QACQEPsWwM-YiwgcjaS7lt4ULimHlqw8li0/edit#slide=id.g70eb6dfa01_1_1029>.
2. **Outside of Class Exceptions.** This topic was not discussed at this meeting, it will be included on a future agenda.
3. **New Business –** Gary Derr will create a link to the website that will be housed on the portal, J. will work with Veronika and make it happen.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

The next meeting of the SAC will be on April 2nd at 8:30am in Waterman 427a.