



The University of Vermont  
FACULTY SENATE

Memo on Senate meeting schedule in April 2024

The April 2024 meeting of the UVM Faculty Senate was originally scheduled for April 22, 2024 from 4-5:30. This is also the first day of Passover which begins at sundown on that day. While the Senate office was aware that Passover began on April 22 when we scheduled the 2023-2024 Senate meetings, we had several reasons for suggesting that April 22 would be preferable. First, we normally strive to have the fourth Monday of the month be the normally scheduled Senate meeting, and while it is early April 22 is the fourth Monday of the month. Second, if we were to schedule the April meeting on May 29, there would only be two and a half weeks between the April meeting and the May meeting (this is due to the fact that the May meeting is always scheduled the Thursday prior to graduation). Third, sunset on April 22 is at 7:47 PM, and the Faculty Senate meeting would be scheduled to end at 5:30. All of this led us to think that April 22 would be a preferable date for the April Senate meeting.

However, upon further reflection and consultation, the Executive Council decided to move the April meeting from April 22 to April 29. While Passover formally begins at sundown, there are preparations for the holiday that may put undue burdens on Senators who are also Jewish. In the spirit of Our Common Ground, it seemed more appropriate to move the April meeting to April 29.

At their meeting of December 11, 2023, the Executive Council approved this change to the current Senate meeting calendar.

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