



FACULTY SENATE

Draft Minutes
February 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Senators in Attendance: 58

Absent: Senators Varhue (Electrical & Biomedical Engineering), (Mechanical Engineering), Joo Yoo (English), Toolin (ERTC), (Family Medicine), Barnaby (FPPC), Busier (Leadership & Developmental Sciences), Single (Mathematics & Statistics), (Microbiology & Molecular Genetics), O'Meara (Nursing), Nelms (Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation), Beckage (Plant Biology), Eyler (Psychiatry), Naylor (Psychiatry), Roberts (Romance Languages & Linguistics), Ricketts (Environment & Natural Resources), Chittenden (SAC), Prue (SAC), Moore (Surgery), Ahern (Surgery)

1. Approval of the Minutes (VOTE)

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 23, 2017

Vote: 95% approve, 0% oppose, 5% abstain

2. Senate President's Remarks – Cathy Paris made the following announcements:

- The 10th annual Blackboard Jungle Symposium is scheduled for March 30 & 31, 2017. The theme this year is “Cultivating Space for Learning in Turbulent Times”. The kickoff presentation scheduled for Thursday, March 30th is free and open to the public. The evening reception on Friday, March 31st will feature a live band, and is included in the cost of registration for the symposium.
- Expanded section descriptions – President Paris encouraged faculty to utilize the expanded course description feature. Students appreciate having the additional information when making decisions about their course selection. Posting an expanded course description is easy, and there is an option for uploading a syllabus.

- It will soon be election season in Faculty Senate. Senators are encouraged to run for re-election if their term is ending. President Paris also encouraged Senators to consider running for a seat on one of the Senate's six standing committees. Much of the work of the Senate takes place in these committees, and there will be available seats on each of the six committees for next year.
 - As a follow-up to the January Senate meeting presentation by William Lemos regarding Rallython, a yearlong series of fundraising events to benefit the Vermont Children's Hospital, President Paris announced that the group's online silent auction is now open. It is a great way to support our students and the Children's Hospital.
 - Congratulations to the UVM men's basketball team on their perfect conference record, remaining undefeated in the American East Conference for the first time in 25 years. Go Cats!
3. **UVM President's Remarks** – President Thomas Sullivan also recommended participation in the Blackboard Jungle Symposium. President Sullivan spoke highly of the keynote speaker, Kim Norwood, who is one of his former students, and an outstanding faculty member at Washington University in St. Louis. Professor Norwood is the author of a new book, "Ferguson's Fault Lines: The Race Quake that Rocked a Nation."

President Sullivan provided an update on the Vermont legislative session, and the case being made for UVM. UVM is making a modest proposal to the legislature, because the State of Vermont is facing a significant deficit. UVM is asking for level funding of approximately \$42 million, which represents only 3.3% of the UVM operating budget. UVM ranks 49th in state support of higher education. Of the \$42 million funding, about 51% is used to recruit and support Vermont students with scholarships and financial aid. The balance is split with one quarter to support the College of Medicine, and one quarter to support the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences and Extension. President Sullivan is also asking the legislature to increase the State base budget to provide \$1 million to recruit, educate, and graduate more lower income Vermont students. President Sullivan shared some demographics regarding Vermont students. There are about 4,200 Vermont students enrolled as undergraduates at UVM, and over 1,000 students from Vermont graduate from UVM each year. Almost 30% of Vermonters at UVM are first generation college students, and 30% are Pell eligible (family income of \$40,000 or less). In the last class snapshot, 96% of UVM graduates were employed in their field or were enrolled in graduate school. About 63% of Vermonters stayed in the state with a job in their career field, and about 28% of out-of-state students stay in Vermont after they graduate. Close to 33,000 alumni are living in Vermont, and are working taxpayers. In addition to the State appropriation of \$42 million allocated to student support, CALS/Extension and Medical Education, UVM receives about \$1.4 million on the capital side for deferred maintenance. The University of Vermont is 226 years old, with 271 buildings on the UVM campus. Morrill Hall is the only UVM building that was paid for by the State of Vermont.

4. Curricular Affairs Committee Report – Laura Almstead, Chair of the CAC, presented the following items to the Senate:
- **New Certificate in Physical Activity Promotion in Children & Youth** was proposed jointly by CAS, CESS, and CNHS. This is an innovative program to educate students on not only how to implement, but also evaluate the effectiveness of physical activity programs for children. Considering the childhood obesity our country faces, this is an important area of study. The certificate program can be initiated with the addition of two new courses that have been approved to the level of the Registrar.
Motion: To approve the new Certificate in Physical Activity Promotion in Children & Youth
Vote: 94% approve, 0% oppose, 6% abstain
 - **Name change requests: Minor in Music Technology and Theory & Composition concentration.** The Department of Music & Dance in the College of Arts and Sciences requests that the name of the minor in Music Technology be changed to Music Technology and Business. The addition of the word “Business” will make the program’s name parallel to that of its related major, BA in Music – Concentration in Technology and Business. The name was inadvertently truncated when the program was initiated: the name approved by the Board of Trustees included “and Business.” The Grossman School of Business provided a memo of support. The department also requested a change of name for the Music Major’s Concentration in Theory and Composition to Concentration in Composition and Theory. The change of the concentration name aligns with the weight of composition versus theory in the concentration curriculum.
 - and a change in concentration to one of the concentrations in the Music Major from
Motion: To approve the name change requests: Minor in Music Technology and Theory & Composition concentration
Vote: 87% approve, 0% oppose, 13% abstain
 - **Uncontested Request to Terminate ENSC: Biology and ENSC: Geology Minors.** The Program Directors of the Environmental Sciences major in the College of Arts and Sciences request the elimination of these two ENSC minors on the basis of a lack of student interest, a lack of ENSC courses in the curriculum, and duplication of revised minors in both Biology and Geology. There are no students currently enrolled in either minor. The curriculum committees and faculty of all three colleges (CAS, CALS, RSENR) approved the termination requests.
Motion: To approve the Uncontested Request to Terminate ENSC: Biology and ENSC: Geology Minors
Vote: 96% approve, 0% oppose, 4% abstain

Laura Almstead reported that the following three items were approved by the Curricular Affairs Committee, and do not require a Faculty Senate vote:

- Request to add a Residential Option to the B.S. in Health Sciences
- Request to Establish a New Summer Internship Option

- The CAC voted to support the proposed Administrative F Policy

5. Senate Committee Report: Research, Scholarship, & the Creative Arts Committee

Chris Burns, chair of the RSCA presented an overview of this Faculty Senate standing committee (slides are attached to these minutes). This standing committee was formed in 1982 as part of a bylaws change. Originally known as the Research, Scholarship, and Graduate Education Committee, the name changed a few years ago to include Creative Arts. The change acknowledged that much of the matters related to Graduate Education are addressed by the Curricular Affairs Committee, and that the creative arts needed to be put on a more equal footing with research and scholarship in terms of Senate business. The membership of the RSCA is composed of at least one member from each of the major academic units, and an additional member from the College of Arts and Sciences representing the field of the creative and performing arts. In addition, the RSCA membership includes student members from the Graduate Student Senate and the Student Government Association. Chris Burns provided an overview of the charge of the RSCA, and stated that it mainly serves in an advisory role and faculty voice while working as a liaison to the administration. Most often this includes the VP for Research, the Dean of the Graduate College, and Dean of the Libraries. Examples of recent conversations in the RSCA include the staffing challenges faced by the Office of Sponsored Program Administration, and discussions around Library resources and changes to the Library collection and facility, including the accommodations needed for the connecting bridge to the new first-year residence halls. The RSCA serves a formal role in the review of nominations for both the Burack Distinguished Lectureship, and the University Distinguished Professor Program. Nominations for the Burack Distinguished Lectureship occur twice each year; the next deadline for nominations is March 20th. The RSCA also reviews the nominations for the University Distinguished Professor Program, which is the Universities highest honor for faculty. Nominations are due March 1st.

- 6. Research Data Management Resolution.** Chris Burns introduced a resolution (attached to these minutes) recommending that a joint committee of the Administration and the Faculty Senate be charged with the development of a programmatic and financial plan to provide the University with core services and tools for managing data throughout the data life cycle. This resolution had unanimous support from the RSCA and the Education & Research Technologies Committee, as well as support from Dean Saule and Vice President Galbraith.
Motion: To approve the Research Data Management Resolution
Vote: 96% approve, 0% oppose, 4% abstain

7. New Business – none at this time.

8. Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried at 5:22 p.m.