



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

Graduate Student Senate

Meeting of the Whole

November 16th, 2020

38 People in attendance

Executive Council Attendees: Avery Rasmussen, Aayudh Das, Jaspreet Nagi, Michael Hoaglund and Rosie Chapina

Attendance was taken via online participation.

Senator attendees and clubs that had a representative present can be found in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

Minutes were recorded by Michael Hoaglund.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Aayudh Das at 4:30pm.

Minutes from the last Senate Meeting on November 2nd, 2020, were approved unanimously and will be released on GSS website.

Executive Board Updates:

President: Avery Rasmussen

- **Please continue to share feedback from constituents on UVM's reopening protocols this fall and any proposed changes for spring**
- Game night recap & ideas for future virtual events
- Hooding Ceremony is cancelled
- Review research continuity protocols:
 - Activity level: <https://www.uvm.edu/ovpr/covid-19-guidelines-research>
Activity schematic: <https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Office-of-the-Vice-President-for-Research-OVPR/Fall2020ResearchActivitiesTable1.pdf>
- Constitution & By-Laws revision (new business for next senate meeting)

Vice President: Aayudh Das

- **Staff Council Representatives Position**
 - Personal & Professional Development: **Patrick Charles Payne**
 - Community Engagement: **Nina Smolyar**
- **Faculty Senate Representatives Positions**
 - RSCA (Research, Scholarship and the Creative Arts): **Micah Hundley**
- **Speaker announcement** (5th Senate meeting: 3rd December, 4:30pm)
 - **Ron E. LUMBRA,**
 - **Chair, Board of Trustees, University of Vermont**

Treasurer: Jaspreet Singh Nagi

- Special discussion session for the Food Insecurity Budget
- Date: 11/23/20
- Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Discussion on Diversity mission and BIPOC students and their living / learning needs:

Beverly Colston, Director of the Mosaic Center for Students of Color

- Discussed her background and what she does at UVM
- Explained her career development and why she stayed at UVM
- Talked the unequal distribution of COVID-19 and how it is affecting students
- Discussed how to get a more diverse Graduate Student body

Q & A

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.

Appendix 1 – Senator Attendees

#	Full Name	Programs
1	Andrew Nadeau	Physical Therapy
2	Marcus Weinman	CMB
3	Patrick Payne	Public Health
4	Montana Lara	Neuroscience
6	Christopher Kruglik	Medical Sciences
7	Kamruzzaman Khan	Civil and Environmental Engineering
8	Bijay K C	Civil and Environmental Engineering
9	Liana Redmond	Counseling
10	Mohamad Rabieh Khalifeh Khalife	Neuroscience
11	Ashma Chakrawarti	Animal Biosciences
12	Mari Tomanelli	Medical Laboratory Sciences
13	Atoosa Parsa	Complex Systems and Data Science
14	Paige Vaccaro	
15	Berke Tinaz	Plant Biology
16	Baxter Worthing	Plant Biology
17	Sandra Nnadi	Plant Biology
18	Maaz Sattar	Biomedical Engineering
19	Abigail Rec	Natural Resources
22	Colin Giles	Mathematics
25	Melina Harris	Sustainable Innovation MBA
26	Alison Hall	Biology
27	Holly Paige Chaos	Mathematics
29	Angela Tweedy	Community Development and Applied Economics
30	Ekraj Dahal	Material Science
33	Irfan Tahir	Mechanical Engineering
34	Vooha Putalapattu	Medical Sciences
36	Anna Lam	Classics

Clubs with a representative present: ISA, CMC, NSA, Women in STEM, RGSA, DPT Club, SACNAS