



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee

March 09, 2017

427a Waterman 12:30-2:00

Present: Chris Burns (LIB), David Neiweem (CAS), Cathy Paris (Faculty Senate President), Matthew Price (CAS), Jeffrey Marshall (CEMS), Tammy Kolbe (CESS), Seth Fritz (CNHS), Rory Waterman (CAS), Beth Kirkpatrick (COM), Jessica Sheehe (GSS), Chuck Schnitzlein (Business), Rachelle Gould (RSENR)

Absent: Dan Baker (CALs), Daniel Hudson (EXT), Albert van der Vliet (COM)

Guests: Becky Houle, International Student Services
Cynthia Forehand, Dean Graduate College

Chair Chris Burns called the meeting to order at 12:30pm in 427a Waterman.

1. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of February 9, 2017 were approved.
2. **Pre-masters Program – Cynthia Forehand/Becky Houle/Jessica Sheehe** - Cindy Forehand (Dean of the Graduate College), Becky Houle (International Student Services), and Jessica Sheehe (Graduate Writing Center and Graduate Student Senate representative on RSCA) gave an update on the Pre-Master's Program. This is a new international student program designed to prepare students for graduate level study at UVM. There are six Master's programs affiliated in the first year, all in CEMS. There are currently 10 students enrolled. The students work closely with Becky Houle in the Graduate College and with the Graduate Writing Center. As the program ramps up, it will need to grow in order to be sustainable. There is some evidence that international applications are down as a result of the current political climate in the US, which could have an impact on UVM's ability to grow this program. They are adding three new Master's programs to the list of options for these Pre-Master's students for the second year.
3. **Library Web Site** – Chris Burns reported that Paul Philbin from the Libraries was seeking feedback from RSCA members on a new library web site design. An email with instructions for providing feedback had previously been sent to committee members.
4. **Research Data Management Committee.** Chris Burns reported that the Senate had adopted the Research Data Management resolution proposed by RSCA and that the Provost was in the process of

drafting a charge for a joint administration/faculty committee. The committee discussed names of staff and faculty to forward to the Provost as possible committee members.

5. University Distinguished Professors. The committee went into executive session to discuss nominations for the honor of University Distinguished Professor.

6. New Business.

The next meeting of the RSCA is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 12:30 – 2:00 in 427a Waterman. Send agenda items to Chris Burns no later than April 6th.

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