



FACULTY SENATE

Student Affairs Committee

Minutes

427a Waterman

February 9, 2017

- Present** David Brandt (SGA), Nicole Woodcock (SGA), Thomas Chittenden (GSB), Dan DeSanto (LIB), Omar Oyarzabal (EXT), Jennifer Prue (CESS), Martin Thaler (CAS), William Louisos (CEMS), Don Loeb (CAS),
- Absent** Kenneth Allen (CNHS), Zail Berry (COM), Jeffrey Hughes* (RSENR), Cathy Paris (FS President), Kristen Pierce (COM), Jane Molofsky (CALs), Hillary Brown (GSS)
- Guests** Brian Reed, Annie Stevens, Kim Martin (CSC), Deanna Garrett-Ostermiller (CSC)

The Co-Chair Jennifer Prue called the meeting to order at 8:30 in Waterman 427a.

- Minutes.** The approval of the minutes of January 2017 was moved to the March agenda to allow members time to review. As a follow-up to an item presented at the January meeting under Other Business (Operational Policy on Administrative Assigned Failing Grade), Brian Reed reported that the Curricular Affairs Committee endorsed the Administrative F memo. The SAC and the CAC will jointly present this operational policy at the Faculty Senate meeting. Jen Prue will contact Laura Almstead to organize the presentation.
- ERTC Expanded Course Description.** David Brandt, SGA provided an overview of the Resolution endorsed by the ERTC, and attached to these minutes. Discussion included the desire for additional humanities based check boxes for course assessment and modes of instruction. A meeting is being scheduled with the ERTC Chair and the Registrar. The SAC co-chairs have been asked to participate in that meeting. Endorsement of the Resolution by the SAC was tabled. A straw poll of the SAC regarding support for the Resolution was positive.
- Academic Integrity Policy Discussion Update.** The subcommittee presented the most recent edits to the proposed changes to the Academic Integrity Policy (attached to these minutes). Dan DeSanto summarized the additional revisions discussed by the SAC: 1) specifically state that the process can be invoked at any point during the semester, 2) state that the policy applies to any grade, mid-

terms, tests, or assignment, 3) additional guidance for Deans to include - the Dean adjudicates the grade to determine if the faculty member has violated the policy. If a violation by faculty has occurred, the Dean instructs the faculty to refer the case to the CSC. If the Dean determines that the faculty has not violated the policy, the case is closed. 4) the term limit for both faculty and students is 2-weeks from time of discovery. 5) strike the word “deliberate” before violation because faculty members may not impose a sanction for any violation.

The subcommittee will make the additional changes discussed at this meeting and distribute the final version to the SAC, and the CSC for a final read before sending the final version to Legal. The next step in the process will likely be distribution of the policy to the University community by Gary Derr for a 2-week vetting prior to adoption of the policy change. The SAC will report the policy change to the Faculty Senate.

4. Discussion of future work items –

- Time in each future meeting for informational updates from Annie Stevens regarding initiatives for first year experience, resident halls, etc.
- March – International Students/Vermont Students - Kim Howard, Director of the Office of International Education, Stacey Kostell, VP for Enrollment Management, and Beth Wisler, Executive Director of Admissions.
- April - Student Requests for Accommodations (learning or language) - Sharon Mone, Program Director, Student Accessibility Services, and possibly a student.
- May – Advising Award Nomination Review; Greek Life concerns about policy around alcohol license requirements; Lights for bikes on campus.

5. Next meeting agenda discussion –