

EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2/9/24

- Approval of 10/20/23 meeting minutes
- Provost's Report
 - The Provost recognizes the impact the UVM and Burlington community is feeling from the violence in the Middle East.
 - The loss of Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne.
 - In December, Dr. Jason Garvey was named Executive Director of Institutional Research and Assessment.
 - Dr. Peter Newman has been Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, starting in Summer '24.
 - Dr. BettyJo Bouchey has been named Chief Officer of Professional and Continuing Education.
 - UVM has received roughly 27k applications for Fall 24.
 - The institution has received 5,300 applications from students who identify as BIPOC – a record number. There are greater numbers of students indicating that UVM is their first-choice university, with an 8% increase in students applying via Early Decision (a binding admissions plan). To date, 434 students have already secured their spot in the Class of 2028, a 50% increase over last year. These 434 students are about 15% of the nearly 3000 students who will join our community next Fall
 - Progress has been made on the Comprehensive Inclusive Excellence Action Plan released last November. For details on the plan, see link: <https://www.uvm.edu/diversity/inclusive-excellence-strategic-plan>
 - UVM has been awarded a 5-year \$2.5m Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant. UVM will use the fund to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment by increasing the external visibility of the university's commitment to equity and inclusion.
 - Preparations are underway for Solar Eclipse Day on 4/8/2024. UVM will host a wide variety of events before and during the day. <https://www.uvm.edu/spacegrant/2024-total-solar-eclipse>. It'll be an alternative instructional day.
 - The Patrick Leahy Honors College has worked to develop new forward thinking strategies to leverage its new name and resources. An emphasis has been made on pathways to research and support for students. The curriculum has been rethought and student persistence is being emphasized.
 - Open Scholarship
 - The Provost attended a conference for High Education Leader Initiative for Open Science. UVM is on the forefront of open scholarship and collaboration across disciplines.
 - "The free exchange of research and scholarly information is a matter of equity and consistent with the values of Our Common Ground."
 - UVM will work with government agencies like NASA to help with the further adoption of open scholarship.

- Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Chair's Report
- Curricular Action Items
 - Resolution approving the creation of 8 new Micro-Certificates of Graduate Study in Public Policy
 - Resolution approving revisions to the credit ranges for the Certificate of Graduate Study and the Micro-Certificate of Graduate Study in the Graduate College= moving to 4-6 credits and 10 credits respectively.
 - Resolution approving the creation of a B.A. in Geosciences in the College of Arts & Sciences
 - Resolution approving the creation of a B.S. in Geosciences in the College of Arts & Sciences
 - Resolution approving the creation of a minor in Geosciences in the College of Arts & Sciences
 - Resolution approving the creation of a minor in Childhood Studies in the College of Education & Social Services
 - Resolution approving the creation of a minor in Sustainable Energy Engineering in the College of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences
 - Resolution approving the creation of a Direct Entry into the Master of Science in Nursing program in the Graduate College
 - Resolution approving the creation of a minor in Military Leadership in the College of Education & Social Services/offered in collaboration with the Dept. of military studies.
 - Resolution endorsing Eclipse Day proposal
 - **All resolutions were endorsed and referred to the Board for approval.**
- Resolution reaffirming the Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action and the Equal Opportunity in Educational Programs and Activities and Non-Harassment policy statements
 - Policy statements were last approved in May '23. No amendments are being added this year.
 - **Resolution was endorsed and referred to the Board for approval.**
- Resolution approving Mercy Hall Curtain Wall System Replacement
 - Project has been reviewed by Vt. Historical Preservation Society.
 - Triple pane windows are being added, improving heating/cooling
 - Overall design intent is to mimic the existing building exterior while meeting new and updated energy codes.
 - Construction would begin May 2025 and continue through **December 2025**
 - **Resolution was endorsed and referred to the Board for approval**
- New England Commission of Higher Education 5-year interim report
 - Required of all NECHE institutions
 - Falls halfway between comprehensive accreditation reviews
 - A chance to update the commission on progress, new challenges, or innovations since the last review in 2019
 - Process focuses on input from key items.
 - 4 areas of emphasis
 - Gen Ed (Catamount Core)

- Career and Academic Advising
 - Campus Plan
 - Assessment of Student learning
- Looking ahead to 2029
 - Guided by strategic vision and planning
 - Expanding research and Grad ed
 - International Engagement
 - Emphasizing the catamount experience
 - Improving Retention
 - Assessment of student learning
- Refreshed Academic Success Goals
 - Academic Success Goals were established in Spring '20. The three yearlong goals were updated this past Fall. The new goals will be posted to the Office of the Provost website. <https://www.uvm.edu/provost/academic-success-goals>
 - Between July-December campus leaders engaged in consultations, gathered feedback, circulated revised drafts and finalized revisions.
 - Revisions: Added clarifying language throughout
 - Re-ordered the goals to focus priorities
 - Shifted our Catamount Core focus to assessment
 - Added implementation of the Catamount Experience
 - Added a new goal exclusive to grad ed
 - Emphasized the improvement of all dimensions of research infrastructure and capacity
 - Emphasized the intersection of research and engagement
 - Emphasized the university's role in community and economic development for the state of VT
 - Emphasized our commitment to intergroup dialogue
 - Emphasized our commitment to open scholarship
 - Tracking progress of meeting these goals can be in the dashboard in the following link https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Office-of-the-Provost/Academic_Success_Goals_Dashboard_20230109.pdf

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**EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

Members: Chair Carolyn Dwyer, Vice Chair Jodi Goldstein, Cynthia Barnhart, Otto Berkes, Katelynn Briere, President Suresh Garimella, Stephanie Jerome, Carol Ode, Kristina Pisanelli, Monique Priestley, Lucy Rogers, and Samuel Young

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Friday, February 9, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Silver Maple Ballroom, (401) Dudley H. Davis Center

AGENDA

	Item	Enclosure	Discussion Leaders	Time
	Call to order			*1:00 p.m.
1.	Approval of October 20, 2023 meeting minutes	Attachment 1	Carolyn Dwyer	1:00-1:02
2.	Provost's report	Attachment 2	Patricia Prelock	1:02-1:12
3.	Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee chair's report	Attachment 3	Colby Kervick	1:12-1:17
4.	Curricular action items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolution approving the creation of 8 new Micro-Certificates of Graduate Study in Public Policy• Resolution approving revisions to the credit ranges for the Certificate of Graduate Study and the Micro-Certificate of Graduate Study in the Graduate College• Resolution approving the creation of a B.A. in Geosciences in the College of Arts & Sciences• Resolution approving the creation of a B.S. in Geosciences in the College of Arts & Sciences• Resolution approving the creation of a minor in Geosciences in the College of Arts & Sciences	Attachment 4	Carolyn Dwyer	1:17-1:27

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5.	Resolution reaffirming the Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action and the Equal Opportunity in Educational Programs and Activities and Non-Harassment policy statements	Attachment 4; Appendices A & B	Trent Klingerman	1:27-1:32
6.	Resolution approving Mercy Hall Curtain Wall System Replacement	Attachments 4 & 5	Luce Hillman Leo Gaudreau	1:32-1:37
7.	New England Commission of Higher Education 5-year interim report		Jennifer Dickinson	1:37-1:42
8.	Refreshed Academic Success Goals	Attachment 2	Patricia Prelock	1:42-1:57
9.	Other business**		Carolyn Dwyer	1:57-2:00
	Motion to adjourn			2:00 p.m.

*Times are approximate.

**Executive session as needed.