



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee
May 18, 2017
427a Waterman 12:30-2:00

- Present: Chris Burns (LIB), Jeffrey Marshall (CEMS), David Neiweem (CAS), Beth Kirkpatrick (COM), Jessica Sheehe (GSS), Chuck Schnitzlein (Business), Rachelle Gould (RSENr), Brian Tobin (GSS).
- Absent: Dan Baker (CALs), Daniel Hudson (EXT), Tammy Kolbe (CESS), Seth Fritz (CNHS), Cathy Paris (Faculty Senate President), Matthew Price (CAS), Albert van der Vliet (COM), Rory Waterman (CAS),
- Guests: Kelley Helmstutler Di Dio, Elizabeth Fenton Richard Galbraith, Alexa Woodward

Chair Chris Burns called the meeting to order at 12:32pm in 338 Waterman.

1. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of April 13, 2017 were approved as written.
2. **Creative Arts at UVM (Kelley Helmstutler Di Dio and Elizabeth Fenton).** Kelley presented the committee with a survey that was conducted on the topic of Resources of Creative Scholars. In each area of creative arts there are constraints around the financial needs of these programs. The PDF amount that is currently available is not enough to provide these scholars to push research forward within their field without using personal funding.

The humanities also have a unique set of financial constraints. There are many fees associated with publishing and other costs associated with the work in this field. The Humanities Center is working on helping fund some of these projects, however they cannot commit to funding all projects.

The committee talked about the disparities of the creative arts across campus.

Richard would like to work on a mechanism that is fair in distributing funds to both the humanities and creative arts. The committee will discuss some of these strategies at 2017/2018 RSCA meeting.

The term research and what it means on campus. Is this a discussion that the RSCA could facilitate? If so what would this look like? The committee will continue to discuss these topics in the 2017/2018 academic year.

3. **Corporate Funding of Research (Richard Galbraith and Alexa Woodward).** This is a two person office that targets corporations that can build a wide range of relationships with the University of Vermont. These relationship range from fellowships, internships and grants. The office takes a flexible approach in partnering faculty with these companies.

There are many opportunities for faculty, the office is available to help partner these opportunities with the appropriate faculty member. Alexa is still in the process of making and maintaining partnerships and as the office grows there will continue to be more opportunities.

The RSCA would like Alexa to come and give any updates at a 2017/2018 meeting.

4. **Annual Research Report- See report.**
5. **Annual Graduate Education Report. See report.**
6. **RSCA Chair.** David nominated Chris Burns as the chair of the RSCA for the 2017/2018 academic year, Beth seconded the nomination. The committee approved Chris as the chair for the 2017/ 2018 academic year.
7. **New Business.** There was no new business at this time.

The next meeting of the RSCA is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 12:30 – 2:00 in 427a Waterman.