



FACULTY SENATE

Student Affairs Committee

Minutes

427a Waterman

April 13, 2017

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

Co-Chair Jennifer Prue called the meeting to order at 8:32 in Waterman 427a.

- 1. Minutes.** The minutes of April 13, 2017 were approved as written.
- 2. GGP Post-TOEFL Policy & Process Discussion.** There are concerns across campus that some GGP students do not have the appropriate English skills to be successful on campus. The pre-GGP TOEFL Policy & Process is not currently working in a way that informs UVM student advising professionals considering GGP students for admission. International Students who do not earn a passing TOEFL score are routed in to the UVM GGP program. This program is 1, 2 or 3 semesters long depending on their TOEFL score. These students live on campus during these semesters and are admitted to UVM after completing their required semesters if their GPA is satisfactory. Current admission policy is NOT requiring the students to take a Post GGP program TOEFL leaving UVM advising/admissions professionals with only the GPA as an entrance requirement.

While in the Global Gateways Program (GGP), students are not matriculated UVM students, they apply to transfer into UVM (applying their GGP UVM course earned credit hours to their degree if accepted). Not requiring a TOEFL prior to admission to UVM is inconsistent with institutional admission policies and inducts students into unfairly challenging environments. The SAC would like to continue this conversation evaluating the value of a

post GGP / pre-Matriculation TOEFL requirement in the 2017/2018 year. The committee would like to invite guests who will help give insight on the topic of GGP students. Gayle Nunley should be included into these discussions.

- 3. Third Party Vendor Follow Up Discuss.** Annie Stevens has agreed to come back next fall and discuss this topic with the committee. Jon Porter is also a guest that could be included in these conversations. The topics of drugs and alcohol along with sexual assault and policies around these issues should also be included in the discussions.

- 4. Safety on campus.** There is a population that is putting themselves and their peers at risk on campus. This includes biking, skateboarding and other activities. Students are skateboarding in places that are clearly marked, “No Skateboarding”. Students are biking without reflective gear, lights or helmets. Nicole will bring this up with the SGA. Jim Barr would be a good resource for these conversations. The SAC will continue discuss this topic during the 2017 / 2018 year. The SAC could look for a program that would offer helmets to students at no cost to increase the use of helmets on campus.

- 5. Departing Committee Members.** The chairs thanks all members for their continued support on the SAC. They also thanks those of the committee who would not be returning the fall. Among these included Don Loeb of CAS.

- 6. Student Reps to the SAC.** The SAC voted to approve having a voting member of the SAC from both the GSS and SGA.

- 7. New Business.**
 - The FYE Committee would like to present at the September 2017 or October 2017 Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Exams during reading days and double booking exams this is something that can be looked into again during the 2017/ 2018 academic year.

- 8.** The SAC meeting adjourned at 10:02am

The next meeting of the SAC is scheduled for September 14, 2017 in 427a Waterman.