



FACULTY SENATE

Student Affairs Committee

Minutes

427a Waterman

April 13, 2017

**Present** Kenneth Allen (CNHS), David Brandt (SGA), ) Thomas Chittenden (GSB), Jeffrey Hughes (RSEN), Don Loeb (CAS), William Louisos (CEMS), Jane Molofsky (CAL), Jennifer Prue (CESS), Martin Thaler (CAS), Cathy Paris (FS President)

**Absent** Zail Berry (COM), Hillary Brown (GSS), Dan DeSanto (LIB), Kristen Pierce (COM), Omar Oyarzabal (EXT)

**Guests** Veronika Carter, Brian Reed, Annie Stevens,

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

**1. Minutes.** The minutes of March 9, 2017 were approved as written.

**2. Admissions as related to students with disabilities, Sharon Mone.** The SAC has been working on gathering information on the admissions process on campus. Students with disabilities have volunteered to come to the SAC meeting to discuss their experiences. Student experiences include

- A student with both physical and mental health issues has had a very positive experience. She has had the support needed. She would like to see the services of SAS advertised more to the incoming students.
- Another experience shared was of a graduate student. She has had some barriers with what is the process and how to access it. She wasn't aware of ACCESS and if she didn't know what to ask for (comfort cat), she would not be at UVM now. The information was not automatically provided during the application and acceptance process.

- A student with physical disabilities has had some very positive feedback with areas which classes are scheduled and housing. Potholes on campus are a challenge, the wheelchair gets stuck, and assistance is needed to get out. Building entrances can be a challenge and heavy doors can come back and hit the person in the face. These are issues that arise in older buildings.

The Proctoring Center works with the Registrar's Office to find space where exams are not being given so they can use that space for students who need special arrangements. A large percent of instructors do not give a final in their final block. It would be beneficial to have this information so the Proctoring Center does not have to scramble for space.

The greatest need currently is both notetaking and the need for auto captioning on videos.

How does SAS help students succeed after UVM? They partner with the career center and they have specialists available to help students with the topics of

- What should you tell your employer
- Resume building
- Strategies for searching for jobs.

It is important that faculty follows accommodations set by SAS and they don't pressure students about their disability.

3. **Third Party Vendors at UVM, David Brandt.** There is an updated policy on campus that targets how alcohol can be distributed at UVM affiliated activities. The SGA had some concern on the change of policy. The biggest concerns were centered on determining if an event is an official UVM affiliated organization activity. The use of the third party vendor supplying alcohol takes the responsibility of overserving away from the group and moves it to the third party vendor.

Would it be helpful to see how other universities handle these issues? There are two issues, underage drinking and sexual assault. How does having a third party vendor change these issues?

The committee will add this topic to the May agenda.

4. **First Year Experience Update, Jen Prue.** This will be presented at the May meeting.
5. **Academic Calendar Committee discussion and consideration of resolution, Thomas Chittenden.** Thomas presented the resolution to the committee for discussion.



Resolution on the Re-Formation of a University Calendar Committee  
Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

WHEREAS the University of Vermont Faculty Senate has historically had a standing committee charged with constructing biennial calendar proposals; and

WHEREAS the University Academic Calendar is an essential planning document with far reaching implications within UVM and to the region; and

WHEREAS developing an academic calendar involves balancing many competing interests from university stakeholders;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Vermont Faculty Senate shall amend its bylaws to charge a standing Calendar Committee with the following:

1. University Academic Calendars will be revised biennially by the Calendar Committee and will submit their proposed calendar to the Faculty Senate for Approval.
2. Proposed Calendar revisions must be approved by the Faculty Senate more than 15 months before a fall semester implementation.
3. The Calendar Committee shall have seven voting members appointed by the Faculty Senate Executive Council:
  - a. A delegate from the Registrar's Office
  - b. A delegate from the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs
  - c. A delegate from the Student Government Association
  - d. A delegate from the Graduate Student Senate
  - e. Three At Large Faculty Senators
4. The calendar committee shall compose a set of guidelines for calendar planning including general considerations, fall term guidelines and spring term guidelines.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See "Guidelines for Calendar Planning" passed by the UVM Faculty Senate on 11/22/82 and Revised on 2/28/85 for an example of this document.

It was suggested that the Registrar's Office form an advisory working group to include students and faculty and is managed by the Register's Office. This group would not be

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linked directly to the Faculty Senate. Including a representative from ACCESS would be important.

It was moved that this motion be moved to the registrar's office. The motion carried and was approved.

**6. New Business.** There was no new business at this time.

The SAC meeting adjourned at 10:10am