



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & The Creative Arts Committee
December 8, 2016
327 Waterman 12:30-2:00

Present: Chris Burns (LIB), Daniel Hudson (EXT), Tammy Kolbe (CESS), David Neiweem (CAS), Matthew Price (CAS), Rory Waterman (CAS)

Absent: Dan Baker (CALs), Seth Fritz (CNHS), Rachelle Gould (RSENr), Beth Kirkpatrick* (COM), Jeffery Marshall (CEMS), Chuck Schnitzlein (Business), Brian Tobin (GSS), Albert van der Vliet (COM),

Guests: Richard Galbraith

Chair Chris Burns called the meeting to order at 12:34pm in 327 Waterman.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of November 10, 2016 were approved as written.
- 2. Research Data Management.** The draft resolution presented to the committee,

Whereas

Researchers in all disciplines are faced with a range of data management needs as research becomes more collaborative, data-intensive, and computational,

And data management requires a long-term commitment to a storage environment where the security of sensitive data and the integrity of all research data is ensured,

And data sharing and re-use increase the accountability, visibility, impact, and return on investment in research,

And the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) has directed federal agencies to mandate that digitally formatted research data, to the extent feasible and consistent with applicable law and policy, should be stored and publicly accessible to search, retrieve, and analyze,

And most large Federal funding agencies (NIH, NSF, DOE, DOT, NASA, DOD, CDC, NOAA, USDA, USGS) now require data management plans for the preservation and access of research data,

And current practices at UVM, assembled on an ad hoc basis, do not meet current user needs or look forward in support of strategic initiatives and goals,

And a survey of peer and aspirant institutions demonstrates that UVM is increasingly at a competitive disadvantage in providing services in this area,

And an institutional commitment to providing technical expertise and support services is required to meet researcher needs, funding imperatives, and public policy goals,

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of Vermont should

- Charge the University Libraries, the Office of the Vice President for Research, and Enterprise Technology Services, in consultation with faculty from a wide range of disciplines, to collaborate and provide the University with core services and tools for managing data throughout the data life cycle.
- Promote these services and tools and encourage faculty to use them to manage and share their data.
- Provide ongoing financial support to the units providing services and tools, including support for the infrastructure, personnel, education, and training.
- Develop a research data management policy, establishing the University's commitment to long term data management.

The resolution is aiming to charge a group with the task of understanding the varying ways to support research data management at the University of Vermont. The committee suggests a systematic process to find the needs of the university community.

Meredith Niles, could be a resource going forward. At the December Faculty Senate meeting Chris is scheduled to give an RSCA update. He will briefly talk to the senate about the committees work on this subject. He will also work with the Faculty Senate President to put this on the administrations radar.

Chris will work with the chair of the ERTC in hopes this resolution will be supported by the ERTC. As a co-sponsored resolution it shows that more than one Faculty Senate Committee has endorsed it. The greater the support the better going to the Faculty Senate as a whole.

3. What should the RSCA tackle spring semester.

- a) Start to come up with a comprehensive view on the requirements needed for the creative arts on campus. Chris and David will work on coming up with a list of people who should be invited to these discussions.
 - Google Docs
 - Form subcommittee

- b) IBB and how it impacts the charge of the RSCA, possible guest could be Andrew Barnaby the chair of the FPPC. Invite Nancy Mathews as Chair of the Council of Deans to speak to how IBB has impacted colleges.

4. SPA, Richard Galbraith. There will be a synopsis of SPA coming out next week. Staffing in SPA is a continued issue. That department has never been fully staffed. Due to this there has been a large back up in the awards section. However, they have hired a second person and that should help clear up the back log. University Business Associates have agreed that improvement between the colleges and SPA is important. There will be continued monitoring to avoid problems getting larger. SPA has an interim director, there is currently a search for a director and it is hoped someone will be hired by May or June. Actions items that RSCA has for SPA

- a) Tammy Kolbe will represent the RSCA on a SPA working group.
- b) Invite interim SPA director Carol Zuiches to a future meeting.
- c) RSCA would like the opportunity to be part of the hiring process of the new director of SPA.

5. New Business. There was no new business at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

*Sabbatical

The next meeting of the RSCA is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th 12:30 – 2:00 in 427a Waterman

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