

# Meeting of the Villanova University Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee

Friday, October 6, 2023, 1:00PM – 2:00PM, Zoom

## Minutes

Present Thursday: Theodoros Arapis, Farshid Baghai, Aronte Bennett, Cheryl Carleton, Joe Drury, Michelle Kelly, Amanda Knecht (chair), Jennifer Ross, Kerry San Chirico

Invite Guest: Alice Dailey

The committee met via Zoom and conducted the following business:

### **Discussion with Alice Dailey on ULC in the Handbook:**

- Alice Dailey joined our meeting to remind FRRC of the edits the provost's office and university counsel made to our ULC handbook additions. She told us that UNIT is soon starting a trial run of an Opt-In system for ULC with a goal of having Opt-In as the standard for the spring semester of 2024. Having an Opt-in changes some of what we had proposed last spring.
- The main sticky point still is the idea that the University cannot guarantee that we will always have the option to opt-out of recording. We discussed ways around forced recordings like guaranteeing professors remain the only ones with access to the recordings unless they choose to release them to the class. FRRC would like to assure that department chairs, deans, and any other university administrators are not able to access recordings without permission from the faculty member who owns the content of the recordings (unless there is an emergency where the faculty is not able to teach or there are legal reasons why the recordings need to be used)
- Alice assured FRRC that since the teacher of the course is the owner of the content in the videos, the university could never use the recordings to continue classes in case of a faculty strike.
- There were no objections when it was suggested that for team taught courses, all instructors must agree to opt-in for the course to be recorded.
- Another major concern was the security of the videos, especially if we are involuntarily recorded. The University of Michigan was recently hacked, so what is VU doing to prevent a similar situation? What is the University's plan for when a video does get out there? What is their plan for when someone edits a video, it goes viral, and destroys a life/career?

### **To Do:**

- Ask the administration and UNIT what is being done to secure the recordings that are sitting in the cloud and if they have plans for when videos get out.
- Update our request for ULC language in the handbook.