

**University Council Minutes  
October 15, 2001  
1045 Pamplin Hall, 3:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mark McNamee (Presiding), Jeb Stewart (for Erv Blythe), Greg Brown, Lanny Cross, Ben Dixon, Peter Eyre, Margie Zelinski (for Elizabeth Flanagan), Mary Ann Lewis (for Janet Johnson), Paul Knox, Kim O'Rourke, Len Peters, Joe Merola, Minnis Ridenour, Terri Mitchell (for Ray Smoot), Rich Sorensen, Malcolm McPherson (for Bill Stephenson), Andy Swiger, Pat Hyer (for Susan Angle), Ed Fox, Ryan Hartman, Bob Hendricks, Marge Murray, Edd Sewell, Susan Sumner, Charles Bostian (for Tim Pratt), Kamal Rojiani, Bob Tracy, Rebecca Crittenden, Jack Davis, Pat Devens, Dan Dolan, Bernard Feldman, Suzanne Murrmann, Rodney Gaines, Kwaku Kankam (for Ashley Marshall), Randy Stith, Althea Aschmann, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Lesley Colby (for Brandy Ellen Cowing), Melinda Pomeroy, M. D. King (for GSA), Rachel Luken (for Nick Amico), Christina Coukos, Robert Kopera, Brian Montgomery, Clayton Smith (for Candace Wiltshire)

**Absent:** Charles Steger, Eileen Hitchingham, Bob Bates, Melvin Gillespie, Tom Tillar, Stephen Boyle, Mike Koechlein, Mark Barrow, Wayne Durham, Jeryl Jones, Mitzi Vernon, John Hillison, Philip Huang, Mike Martin, Debbie Wilson

**Guests:** Marquea D. King (GSA), Susan Saunders (SGA), David Ford, Dwight Shelton

Mark McNamee presided over the meeting in the absence of Charles Steger, Chair. A quorum was present.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

**2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of October 1, 2001**

Dr. McNamee noted that the minutes from the October 1, 2001, University Council meeting have been voted on and approved electronically. Minor corrections were made with regard to spelling and attendance. Once voted upon, University Council minutes can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the WEB (<http://intra.vt.edu/govern/>)

**3. Ongoing Business**

**Council accepted the following Commission minutes:**

- Commission on Classified Staff Affairs  
May 17, 2001

- Commission on Research  
September 12, 2001

A question was asked about information contained in the Commission on Research minutes regarding when the Intellectual Property Policy would be forwarded to University Council. Bob Hendricks, Chair of the COR, responded that originally the Commission had hoped to bring the IP Policy to University Council by the end of this semester. However, serious issues have been raised by both the Engineering Faculty Organization (EFO) and Faculty Senate. The Commission will hear a report from the EFO next week. The Faculty Senate will report to the Commission at the last meeting in November. The Commission will then begin to revise the current draft of the policy. The revised policy should be ready for review by the Faculty Senate and other organizations in early spring semester.

- Commission on Student Affairs  
September 20, 2001

Dr. McNamee commended Ryan Hartman, Chair of the Commission on Student Affairs, for a commentary that he wrote for the *Roanoke Times*, which was published in the editorial section on October 15.

- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
September 24, 2001
- Commission on University Support  
September 27, 2001

#### 4. **Announcements**

Dr. McNamee announced that on October 11, 2001 Governor Gilmore released funds for the construction of the new Chemistry and Physics building. The University is in the process of putting the project out for bid. It is hoped that construction will begin as soon as possible.

Randy Stith announced that the Strategic Planning video should be available on the web by the end of the day.

Ben Dixon announced that copies of the Diversity Strategic Plan, *The Faces of Change*, are available from the Office of Multicultural Affairs upon request. The plan should also be available on the web in the near future.

Ed Fox, Chair of the Commission on University Support (CUS), announced that CUS has discussed the topic of security. Other Commissions that wish to be involved with this topic may contact him.

**5. Adjournment**

Dr. McNamee adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Assistant to the President

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