

**University Council Minutes  
February 18, 2002  
1045 Pamplin Hall, 3:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mark McNamee (Presiding), Dennis Cochrane (for Laynam Chang), Jeb Stewart (for Erv Blythe), Landrum Cross, Peter Eyre, Elizabeth Flanagan, Eileen Hitchingham, Janet Johnson, Kim O'Rourke, Len Peters, Joseph Merola, Terri Mitchell (for Ray Smoot), Richard Sorensen, Andy Swiger, Ed Fox, Ryan Hartman, Bob Hendricks, Mike, Koechlein, Marge Murray, Susan Sumner, Jeryl Jones, Tim Pratt, Kamal Rojiani, Bob Tracy, Rebecca Crittenden, John Hillison, Philip Huang, Suzanne Murrmann, Victoria Clayton (for Kwaku Kankam), Randy Stith, Althea Aschmann, Debbie Wilson, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, James Keonam (for Brandy Ellen Dowing), Marquea King, Sharonda Meade (for Melinda Pomeroy), Christina Coukos, Robert Kopera, Rachel Luken, Susan Saunders, Ross Amico

**Absent:** Charles Steger, Gregory Brown, Ben Dixon, Paul Knox, Melvin Gillespie, Minnis Ridenour, Bill Stephenson, Tom Tillar, Susan Angle, Stephen Boyle, Edd Sewell, Mark Barrow, Wayne Durham, Mitzi Vernon, Jack Davis, Pat Devens, Dan Dolan, Bernard Feldman, Rodney Gaines, Mike Martin, Rachel Luken, Pat Hyer

**Guests:** David Ford, Dwight Shelton, Elaine Scott

Mark McNamee called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. 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 January 4, 2001.**

Dr. McNamee noted that these minutes have been voted on and approved electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the WEB (<http://intra.vt.edu/govern/>)

**3. New Business**

**No new Business**

Dr. McNamee reminded everyone that the first meeting in March is cancelled because of Spring break, and the March 18 meeting is cancelled because of scheduling conflicts with the Board of Visitors. Therefore, the next meeting will be April 1. For those that have business to bring forth for first reading, this will need to be done no later than the April 15 meeting.

#### **4. Ongoing Business**

##### **Second Reading**

##### **Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, Resolution 2001-2002A**

Resolution for Establishment of the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences (SBES)

A motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

##### **Council accepted the following Commission minutes:**

- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
January 16, 2002
- Commission on Outreach  
January 23, 2002
- Commission on Student Affairs  
January 24, 2002
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
January 28, 2002

#### **5. Announcements**

There will be a forum on February 19 at noon in the Donaldson Brown Auditorium that will be co-hosted by Provost McNamee and Executive Vice President Minnis Ridenour to talk about the budget situation and the implications for Virginia Tech in terms of finances and the effects on academic programs. There will be very brief presentations followed by a question-and-answer period. This is not an official public meeting and therefore will not be covered by the press; however, information will be broadcast to several remote campus locations.

#### **6. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kim T. O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant to the President

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