

University Council Minutes
November 4, 2002
3:00 — 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (Presiding), Jeb Stewart for Earving Blythe, Greg Brown, Lay Nam Chang, Dave Ostroth for Landrum Cross, Ben Dixon, Karen DePauw, Elizabeth Flanagan, Mel Gillespie, Eileen Hitchingham, Jack Davis for Paul Knox, Mark McNamee, Malcolm McPherson, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Len Peters, Martin Daniel for Minnis Ridenour, Ray Smoot, Hap Bonham for Richard Sorensen, Andy Swiger, Tom Tillar, Pat Ballard, Ruth Grene, Donald Hatfield, Sharon McCloskey, Brian Montgomery, Eric Pappas, Diane Zahm, Mark Barrow, JoAnn Emmel, Jeryl Jones, Don Orth, Bernice Hausman, Philip Huang, Peter Kennelly, Maxine Lyons, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Terry Kershaw, Randy Stith, Jan van Aardt, Brandy Ellen Cowing, Allan Bradley, Brant Snyder, Sterling Daniel, Andrew Jayne, Rachel Luken, Brian Montgomery

Absent: Peter Eyre, Joe Pitt, Bob Tracy, Mitzi Vernon, Imad Al-Qadi, Bernard Feldman, Elizabeth Gilboy, Gloria Bird, Robert Smith, Althea Aschmann, Mike Martin (with notice), Myron McClees, Melinda Pomeroy, Brant Snyder

Guests: David Ford, Pat Hyer

Dr. Steger called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of October 21, 2002.

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

3. New Business

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution CSA2002-03A

Resolution Concerning Smoking within the Residence Halls

Brian Montgomery, Chair of Commission on Student Affairs, introduced the resolution for first reading. Approval by University Council, the President, and the Board of Visitors is required to change the University Policies for Student Life. However, the approval would also amend Administrative Policy 1010. A health promotion task force at Schiffert Health Center sent a letter to Dr. Ed Spencer stating its recommendation to move toward smoke-free residence halls. A survey was then conducted, and there were 2,500 responses. These responses represented residences on and off campus, as well as those from Oak Lane community. Of those responding, approximately 70 percent favored smoke-free residence halls. Many of Virginia Tech's peer universities have already adopted similar smoke-free policies within their residence halls.

This policy was approved by the Residence Hall Federation and then by the Commission on Student Affairs. The only exception to this smoke-free policy would be lodging rooms designated as smoking rooms in the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center.

This policy would be effective fall semester of 2003.

4. Second Reading

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2002-03A

Resolution to Rename College of Human Resources & Education to the College of Human Sciences & Education

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. When the floor was opened for discussion, a question arose as to whether there were other fields or disciplines that reference themselves as Human Sciences and that are not part of the College of Human Resources and Education. If so, would this cause

confusion? Dr. Jerry Niles stated that this resolution was open for a fifteen-day review by other departments and colleges. There was no opposition to the name change or mention of possible name duplications.

The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

4. Council accepted the following Commission minutes:

The following Commission minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the WEB (<http://intra.vt.edu/govern/>).

- Commission on Faculty Affairs
September 27, 2002
- Commission on Student Affairs
October 10, 2002
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
October 14, 2002

5. Adjournment

Dr. Steger adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim T. O'Rourke
Executive Assistant to the President

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