

University Council Minutes
May 5, 2003
3:00 — 5:00PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Mark G. McNamee (Presiding), Hassan Aref, Ranson Pelt for Earving Blythe, Richard Oderwald for Greg Brown, Lay Nam Chang, Karen DePauw, Peter Eyre, Elizabeth Flanagan, Melvin Gillespie, Eileen Hitchingham, Paul Knox, Mark McNamee, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, John Wilson for James B. Blair, Minnis Ridenour, Raymond D. Smoot, Richard Sorensen, Hap Bonham for Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, Ruth Grene, Donald Hatfield, Pat Hyer for Sharon McCloskey, Eric Pappas, Joe Pitt, Diane Zahm, Mark Barrow, Bob Tracy, Bernard Feldman, Bernice Hausman, Phillip Huang, Peter Kennelly, Althea Aschmann, Maxine Lyons, Jimmy Martin, Mike Martin, Randy Stith

Absent: Charles Steger, Landrum Cross, Ben Dixon, Peter Eyre, Pat Ballard, Brian Montgomery, Wayne Durham, JoAnn Emmel, Jeryl Jones, Don Orth, Mitzi Vernon, Imad Al-Qadi, Elizabeth Gilboy, Gloria Bird, Robert Smith, Myron McClees, Terry Kershaw, Melinda Pomeroy, Jan van Aardt, Brandy Ellen Cowing, Allan Bradley, Sterling Daniel, Andrew Jayne, Rachel Luken, Brant Snyder

Guests: David Ford, Dwight Shelton, Terry Clements, Ron Daniel, David Vaughan, Beth Waggenspack, Matt McAllister, Rachel Holloway

Dr. Steger 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 as presented. The motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 21, 2003.

Dr. McNamee noted that there has been a written request for modification of the minutes. The minutes will be modified and sent again for electronic voting. (<http://intra.vt.edu/govern/>).

3. Old Business

Second Reading

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2002-03D

Resolution for Establishment of a Master of Arts (MA) in Communication

Degree Program in the Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Ruth Grene presented the resolution for second reading. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

CGSP Resolution 2002-03E

Resolution to Approve Merged and Renamed M.S. and Ph.D. of Apparel,
Housing and Resource Management

Ruth Grene presented the resolution for second reading. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

CGSP Resolution 2002-03F

Resolution for Appointment of a Northern Virginia Faculty Representative to the
Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
(Amendment to University Council By-laws)

The resolution was presented for second reading. Ms. Kim O'Rourke proposed a friendly amendment: There is currently one representative of the off-campus centers appointed by the Provost; similar to that, it is proposed that the last paragraph be amended to read: **WHEREFORE** be it resolved that a tenure-track faculty member from a northern Virginia campus be appointed by the Provost to the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies for a three-year term to represent the faculty and graduate student constituency of the Washington-Alexandria Center. This is to be consistent with the other appointment. The motion to amend was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve this resolution as amended was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Commission on Outreach

Resolution UC 2002-03B

Resolution for Name Change of Commission on Outreach
(Amendment to University Council By-laws)

The resolution was presented for second reading. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies & Policies — tabled

Resolution CUSP2002-03C

Resolution to Accommodate Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Observance in the University Calendar Criteria

Don Hatfield presented the resolution for second reading. The motion was seconded. The phrase "Columbus Day weekend" has been dropped to "a long weekend break in October." Hatfield explained that the reference to Columbus Day was dropped so that the statement in the resolution now reads, "include a long weekend break in October to allow a short break in fall semester."

Dr. McNamee stated that there would be a cancellation of classes sometime in October for the purpose of having a mini-break in the fall semester for the students. It is not considered a holiday for faculty or staff. This body does not have the authority to declare a holiday for

faculty or staff. This will also bring the fall and spring semesters into alignment with regard to the number of class days.

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and passed with one opposition and seven abstentions.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2002-03D

Resolution to Modify the Second Writing-Intensive in Major Requirement

Don Hatfield presented the resolution for second reading. A motion to approve this resolution was made and seconded. Beth Waggenpack, Chair of the University Core Curriculum Committee, stated that this resolution recognizes the importance of writing. There was considerable discussion about the issue of whether it is productive to eliminate the second WI requirement before a coherent program is developed to replace it. If this in reality is a resource issue, then it should be stated as such in the resolution. A vote was then taken. The motion was lost with the following votes:

Approve: 11

Oppose: 16

Abstentions: 5

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

CUSP 2002-03E

Resolution to Approve New Degree Bachelor of Science in Interior Design

Don Hatfield presented the resolution for second reading. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

CUSP 2002-03F

Resolution to Approve Merged and Renamed Bachelor of Science for Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management

Don Hatfield presented the resolution for second reading. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Announcement of approval and posting of Commission minutes

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.

- Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty
November 18, 2002
February 24, 2003
March 27, 2003
- Commission on Classified Staff Affairs
December 18, 2002

February 19, 2003

- Commission on Faculty Affairs
April 11, 2003
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
April 2, 2003
- Commission on Student Affairs
April 10, 2003
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
April 14, 2003
April 28, 2003

8. For Information Only

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
March 27, 2003

9. Adjournment

Dr. McNamee adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim T. O'Rourke
Executive Assistant to the President

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