

University Council Minutes
February 21, 2005
3:00 – 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (Presiding), Hassan Aref, Jeb Stewart for Erv Blythe, Sheryl Ball for Lay Nam Chang, Landrum Cross, Karen DePauw, Ben Dixon, Brad Fenwick, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, David Ford, Eileen Hitchingham, James Hyatt, Michael Kelly, Paul Knox, Kurt Krause, Mark McNamee, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Dwight Shelton, Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, David Travis, Dawn Barnes, Jean Brickey, Virginia Fowler, Klaus Elgert, Kim Beisecker for Ray Plaza, Susanna Rinehart, Judith Shrum, Jim Weaver, Susan Anderson, Jack Cranford, JoAnn Emmel, Richard Goff, Kathleen Jones, Robert Tracy for Mark Anderson, James Berkson, Marion Ehrich, Bernice Hausman, Rakesh Kapania, Delbert Jones for Sue Ellen Crocker, Donna Hamm, Edward Lener, Therese Lovegreen, Maxine Lyons, Lori Anne Sheppard, Antionette Stroter, Sumeet Bagai, Brandon Bull, Melinda Cep, Lauren Good for Maya Newhagen, Matt Vepraskas, Devin Weller

Absent: John Dooley, Sharron Quisenberry, Gerhardt Schurig, Grant Otto, Richard Ashley, Don Orth, James Berkson, Peter Kennelly, Hans Rott, Muzzo Uysal, John Jay Carter, Terry Kershaw, Myrna Callison, Yvette Quintela,

Guests: Pat Hyer

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 February 7, 2005

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. Old Business

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2004-05A (deferred from February 7, 2005)

Resolution on Computer Privacy

Ms. Susanna Rinehart presented the resolution for second reading reviewing changes to section 2.2 as approved by the Commission on Faculty Affairs. A motion was made to approve revisions. The motion was seconded and passed. The motion was then made for approval of the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

Resolution COIA 2004-05A

Resolution for change in membership

Dr. Judith Shrum, introduced the resolution to University Council for second reading with the revision of the last word to "designee" rather than "appointee," as only the President can make appointments. A motion was made and seconded to approve the revision. The motion carried.

Dr. Shrum then made motion for adoption of the revised resolution. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution CSA 2004-05B

Resolution requesting Latin Association of Student Organizations Representation on the Commission on Student Affairs

Mr. Sumeet Bagai made a motion to adopt the resolution. This simply adds the 28th member to the Commission on Student Affairs. The motion was seconded and the resolution approved 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 (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>). Note that the purpose of voting on Commission minutes is to accept them for filing. University Council By-laws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
January 31, 2005
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
January 19, 2005
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
January 20, 2005
- Commission on Research
December 8, 2004
- Commission on Student Affairs
January 20, 2005

5. For Information Only

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
January 20, 2005

Dr. Steger responded to a question requesting clarification of a statement in section 5, "The state will require more accountability in return for granting universities greater autonomy." Citing the capital outlay process as an example, he explained that the state will eliminate many pre-approval procedures, and instead will act in a post-audit capacity. Post-audits are something that the university already experiences. The post-audit process will likely be more comprehensive than the pre-approval processes have been.

6. Discussion

Dr. Steger reported on the favorable progress on the restructuring legislation. The House voted positively today, and the Senate will now review the legislation before consideration by the Governor.

Enrollment projection parameters will be negotiated with the intent to take an additional 1,000 students transferring from community colleges over the next several years. We will keep our in-state/out-of-state ratio the same (70/30).

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Steger adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim T. O'Rourke
Chief of Staff, President's Office

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