

University Council Minutes
February 20, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Mark McNamee (Presiding), Richard Benson, Jeb Stewart for Erv Blythe, Sheryl Ball for Lay Nam Chang, Karen DePauw, John Dooley, Brad Fenwick, Elizabeth Flanagan, David Ford, Eileen Hitchingham, Heidi McCoy for James Hyatt, Michael Kelly, Paul Knox, Kurt Krause, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Tim Mack for Sharron Quisenberry, Melinda West for Dwight Shelton, Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, David Travis for Kevin McDonald, Judy Alford, Jan Helge Bohn, Scott Case, Kerry Redican, Jory Ruscio, Judith Shrum, Bob Wheeler, Susan Anderson, Richard Goff, Amy Nelson for Kathleen Jones, Kamal Rojiani, Fabrice Teulon, Jean Brickey, Cindy Koziol for Sue Ellen Crocker, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Louellen Sharp, Chris Thomas, Mark Anderson, Marion Ehrich, Joe Eska, Hans Rott, Edward Lener, Therese Lovegreen, James Tyger for Kristina Perry, Susanna Rinehart

Absent: Zenobia Hikes, Gerhardt Schurig, Charles Steger (with notice), Sam Easterling, Joan Moore, Ray Plaza, Richard Ashley, Jack Cranford, Lori Anne Sheppard (with notice), James Berkson, Eugene Brown (with notice), Leon Geyer, Muzzo Uysal, Akilah Chopfield, Laura Gillman (with notice), Donna Hamm, David Jones, Ed McPherson, Stephen "Jamie" Kalista (with notice),

Guests: Pat Hyer, Mary Ann Lewis, Eileen Crist, Joan Marie, Teresa Wright

Dr. McNamee called the meeting to order at 3:02 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 6, 2006

Dr. McNamee 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 Graduate Studies & Policies

Resolution CGSP 2005-06D

Resolution for Establishment of a Ph.D in Architecture and Design Research Degree Proposal in the Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS)

Dr. Scott Case presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was approved with one abstention.

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

Resolution CGSP 2005-06E

Resolution for Establishment of a Ph.D in Planning, Governance & Globalization Degree Proposal in the Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS)

Dr. Scott Case presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

Resolution CGSP 2005-06F

Resolution to Establish a Course Withdrawal Policy for Graduate Students

Dr. Scott Case presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded.

A question was raised concerning how courses that apply to both the Bachelors and Masters degrees in the Five-Year Bachelor/Master Degree programs would be documented in a withdrawal situation. Some courses can be applied to both degrees. Dr. Karen DePauw explained that it is not how the course is applied, but rather the undergraduate/graduate status of the student that will determine how the withdrawal will be recorded.

Dr. Case responded to a question regarding how the withdrawal will affect research funding. At the point in time a withdrawal is made, tuition will have been paid and the student will not be reimbursed. The withdrawal record will show that the project was attempted, but not finished.

The resolution was approved with two abstentions.

Commission on University Support

Resolution CUS 2005-06A

Resolution for Change in Membership of the Transportation and Parking Committee

Dr. Jan Helge Bohn presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2005-06B

Resolution to Approve New Degree, "Humanities, Science and Environment," Bachelor of Arts from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Dr. Bob Wheeler presented and reviewed the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded, and the resolution was 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 Classified Staff Affairs
January 12, 2006
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
December 5, 2005
January 23, 2006
January 30, 2006
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
January 20, 2006
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

January 19, 2006

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. McNamee adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.