

University Council Minutes
April 30, 2007
3:00 – 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (Presiding), Richard Benson, Erv Blythe, Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Alicia Cohen for Vice President for Multicultural Affairs, Carol Roberson for Brad Fenwick, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, David Ford, Zenobia Hikes, Eileen Hitchingham, James Hyatt, Michael Kelly, Kevin McDonald, Mark McNamee, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Sharron Quisenberry, Gerhardt Schurig, Dwight Shelton, Rod Hall for Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, Tom Tucker for Judy Alford, Jan Helge Bøhn, François Elvinger, Ray Plaza for Carlos Evia, Pat Hyer for Valerie Hardcastle, Bernice Hausman for Karen Roberto, Tom Walker, Bob Denton, Sam Easterling, Hayden Griffin for Richard Goff, Hardus Odendaal, Kamal Rojiani, Mark Anderson, John Browder, Carolyn Copenheaver, Joe Eska, Leon Geyer, Muzzo Uysal, Maxine Lyons for Jean Brickey, Delbert Jones, Teresa Lyons, Louellen Sharp, Chris Thomas, Mary Alice Schaeffer for Betsey Waterman, Ed Lener, Therese Lovegreen, Jonathan McCloud, Ed McPherson, Richard Shingles, Laura Freeman, Jory Ruscio, Antoinette Stroter, Vik Narayan, Greg Sagstetter

Absent with notice: John Dooley, Sharron Quisenberry, Sumeet Bagai, Gene Egger, Frances Keene, Gene Brown, Lori Anne Sheppard

Absent without notice: Fabrice Teulon, Karen linzana, Donna Hamm, Duane Rollins, Jen Crook, Marc Saint Raymond, Sarah Saxton

Guests: Teresa Wright, Suzanna Rinehart, Robert Grange

Dr. Charles Steger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present. This meeting was rescheduled from April 16, 2007.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Announcements

Dr. Steger announced that this is the first University Council meeting since the events of April 16, 2007. University faculty and staff all are mindful of the welfare of the families that lost their sons and daughters, faculty members, as well as those who were injured. The university is in close contact with these families and is working to serve their needs.

3. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 2, 2007

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

4. New Business

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2006-07E

Part-Time Appointments for Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty

Dr. Pat Hyer presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution furthers flexibility for faculty in managing both personal and family related circumstances while keeping them on their track so that they might move forward and be successful in their careers.

Commission on Research

Resolution COR 2006-07A

Policy on Misconduct in Research

Dr. Bernice Hausman presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution updates existing procedures and creates an official policy. The new policy and procedures also create a Research Integrity Officer (RIO). This individual will be located in the research division. Duties will include oversight of compliance and research misconduct education.

Dr. Hausman stated that a revision will be made to this proposed resolution that changes “classified staff” to “university and classified staff.” This will appear in the resolution for second reading.

5. Old Business

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2006-07C

Annual and Pre-tenure Faculty Evaluations

Dr. Sam Easterling presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was passed.

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2006-07D

Composition of Committees for Promotion and Tenure Evaluation

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

Dean Benson asked whether a representative faculty body could be responsible for approving college policies, as required by the language “formally approved by the faculty,” or whether a vote of the entire college faculty would be required to adopt or make changes to college P&T policies. Dr. Hyer responded that the Commission had discussed that specific question at their last meeting, and they agree that a representative, or other formally designated, college faculty body would meet the intention of that language.

The vote was taken and the resolution passed.

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2006-07F

Career Track for Instructors and General Employment Policies for Non-Tenure-Track Instructional Faculty Members

Dr. Pat Hyer presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was passed.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2006-07D

Resolution to Establish a Ph.D. in Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought

Dr. François Elvinger presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was passed.

Commission on University Support

Resolution CUS 2006-07A

Resolution to Approve the Establishment of the
University Committee on Energy and Sustainability

Dr. Jan Helge Bøhn presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2006-07B

Assignment of NG and NR Grades for Undergraduate Courses
(Revision to Policy Memorandum 92)

Dr. Tom Walker presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2006-07C

Assignment of an Audit Grade in Undergraduate Courses

Dr. Tom Walker presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded and the resolution was passed.

6. 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
March 19, 2007
April 2, 2007
April 16, 2007
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
March 21, 2007
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
March 15, 2007
- Commission on Research
March 21, 2007
- Commission on Student Affairs
March 22, 2007

7. For Information Only

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
February 22, 2007

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Steger adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

The last meeting of the academic year will be on May 7, as scheduled.