University Council Minutes
October 2, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall


Absent: Sumeet Bagai, Fabrice Teulon, Gene Brown, Lori Anne Sheppard (with notice), Betsey Waterman (with notice), Donna Hamm (with notice), Duane Rollins, Laura Freeman, John Baer

Guests: Pat Hyer, Linda Woodard, Heidi McCoy, Susanna Rinehart, Ron Daniel, Kay Heidbreder, Teresa Wright

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 September 18, 2006

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 Classified Staff Affairs
Resolution CCSA 2006-07A
Resolution to Change the Name of the Commission on Classified Staff Affairs (Change to University Council Constitution and By-laws)

Ms. Judy Alford presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded, and the resolution was approved.

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution CSA 2006-07A
Resolution for Changes to University Policies for Student Life
Reciprocity Statement for Jurisdiction of Off-Campus Misconduct
On behalf of the CSA chair, Mr. Greg Sagstetter presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded. Ms. Frances Keene answered questions, and summarized the resolution. Ms. Kay Heidbreder, University Legal Counsel, confirmed that it is legal to share information with other institutions. The university’s statutory obligation to maintain confidentiality pertains only to our own students. Other institutions within the Commonwealth already share information with Virginia Tech, and this is not a policy that would be unique to the university. A vote was taken, and the resolution passed.

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution CSA 2006-07B
Resolution for Changes to University Policies for Student Life
Withholding Academic Degrees for Misconduct

On behalf of the CSA chair, Mr. Greg Sagstetter presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded. Ms. Frances Keene reviewed the amended language, summarized the resolution, and answered questions. Ms. Keene stated that Legal Counsel would always be consulted before withholding a degree. A vote was taken and the resolution passed.

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution CSA 2006-07C
Resolution for Changes to University Policies for Student Life
Sharing Information with the Undergraduate and Graduate Honor Systems.

On behalf of the CSA chair, Mr. Greg Sagstetter presented the resolution for second reading and made motion for approval. The motion was seconded.

After considerable discussion, Dr. Steger suggested that it might be appropriate to defer action on this resolution for further review.

Dean DePauw expressed that there are many concerns from CGSP and GSA, and that further review and conversation is needed.

A motion was made and seconded to defer the resolution. A vote was taken and passed to defer the resolution. A resolution may be deferred for a maximum of six weeks. This resolution must be presented for a vote by the November 14 meeting in order to be considered.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CUSP 2006-07A
Resolution to Change the name of the University Core Curriculum and the University Core Curriculum Committee
(Change to University Council By-laws)

Mr. Tom Walker presented the resolution for second reading and made motion for acceptance. The motion was seconded and the resolution was passed.

Staff Senate
Staff Senate Resolution No. 2006-07A
Request for Changes in the Constitution of the Staff Senate of Virginia Tech

Ms. Jean Brickey presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and the resolution passed.
4. **Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes**

These minutes have been voted onelectronically 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 Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs  
  September 1, 2006

- Commission on Classified Staff Affairs  
  May 11, 2006  
  August 17, 2006

- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
  September 11, 2006

- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
  April 19, 2006

- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs  
  August 24, 2006

- Commission on Student Affairs  
  April 6, 2006  
  April 20, 2006

- Commission on University Support  
  March 16, 2006  
  May 11, 2006

5. **Discussion**

Dr. Steger expressed appreciation for the cooperation and support of all faculty, staff, and students as well as the law enforcement and emergency response units on the first day of class during the manhunt for an escaped prisoner.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Dr. Steger adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.