

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

Present: Charles Steger (Presiding), Ed Henneke for Richard Benson, Jeb Stewart for Erv Blythe, Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Ray Plaza for Ben Dixon, John Dooley, Brad Fenwick, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, David Ford, Zenobia Hikes, Paul Metz for Eileen Hitchingham, James Hyatt, Michael Kelly, Dennis Cochrane for Kurt Krause, Kevin McDonald, Mark McNamee, Bill Snizek for Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Tim Mack for Sharron Quisenberry, Gerhardt Schurig, Dwight Shelton, Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, Judy Alford, Brian Mihalik for Jan Helge Bøhn, Gene Egger, Francois Elvinger, Carlos Evia, Valerie Hardcastle, Frances Keene, Karen Roberto, Tom Walker, Bob Denton, Sam Easterling, Ken Eriksson, Richard Goff, Hardus Odendaal, Kamal Rojjani, Mark Anderson, John Browder, Carolyn Copenheaver, Sheila Carter-Tod for Joe Eska, Leon Geyer, Karen Inzana, Muzzo Uysal, Jean Brickey, Delbert Jones, Teresa Lyons, Louellen Sharp, Chris Thomas, Ed Lener, Therese Lovegreen, Richard Shingles, Jory Ruscio, Antionette Stroter, Jennifer Crook, Kellie Gleeson, Marc Saint Raymond, Sarah Saxton, Ryan Smith, Ennis McCrery, Kerry Redican, Greg Sagstetter

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 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 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.