

University Council Minutes
April 7, 2008
3:00 – 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (Presiding), Mark McNamee, Joe Cowles for Lay Nam Chang, Patrick Miller for Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, John Dooley, Elizabeth Flanagan, David Ford, Zenobia Hikes, Eileen Hitchingham, J. Michael Kelly, Kevin McDonald, Kim O'Rourke, Bill Snizek for Sue Ott Rowlands, John Crunkilton for Sharron Quisenberry, Dwight Shelton, Maggie Sloane, Richard Sorensen, Robert Walters, Jan Helge Bøhn, Erin Dolan, Frances Keene, Cliff Shaffer for Kumar Mallikarjunan, Joe McFadden, Hardus Odendaal, Tom Tucker, Bob Denton, Sam Easterling, Susanna Rinehart, Kamal Rojiani, Danny Axsom, Gene Brown, Joe Eska, Bill Galloway, Leon Geyer, Gene Seago, Jean Brickey, Travis Hundley, Teresa Lyons, Wyatt Sasser, Louellen Sharp, Chris Thomas, Annette Bailey, Kim Beisecker, Mike Parrish (via conference call), Julie Walters-Steele, Antionette Stroter, Thomas Hogdahl, Vik Narayan, Brennan Shepard

Absent: Mark McNamee (with notice), Erv Blythe, Gerhardt Schurig, Tom Tillar, Sherwood Wilson, Mike Denbow (with notice), Robert Grange, Ruth Grene, Ken Eriksson, Sam Riley, Fabrice Teulon, Karen Inzana, Shep Zedaker, Mary Alice Schaeffer, Arlane Gordon-Bray, Ed McPherson, Manisha Patel, Yolanda Avent, Laura Freeman, T.J. Brennan, Ryan Gleeson, Adeel Khan, Emily Webb, Judy Alford (with notice), Kerry Redican, Ryan Smith

Guest: Pat Hyer, Bethany Flora, Richard Ferraro, Kanitta Charoensiri, April Myers

Dr. Steger 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 18, 2008

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>).

Note that the March 17, 2008, meeting was canceled for lack of action items.

3. New Business

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2007-08A

Resolution for Establishment of Masters of Information Security Assurance Degree in the Virginia Tech College of Engineering

Dr. Cliff Shaffer presented the resolution for first reading. Similar to the Executive MBA program, this program will be self-sustaining. Dean DePauw offered to make the detailed budget available. This is a weekend program that is very intensive and lasts for eighteen to nineteen months. A concern was raised as to how the revenues of this program would be distributed. Dean DePauw informed the council that the resources will go to the program which resides with the College of Engineering. Dean Benson added that the students in this program will be charged a premium rate, which is somewhat more than they would pay for tuition. Once

the cost of instruction is covered, the remainder of the revenues would go back to the program which is in Northern Virginia.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2007-08B

Resolution for Revision of Policy on Graduate Credit for 3000 and 4000 Level Courses

Dr. Cliff Shaffer presented the resolution for first reading. The Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies wants to do away with the concept that some 4000 level courses are graduate courses, and some 4000 level courses are not. The plan is to have a 5000 level version to replace the 3000 and 4000 level courses currently permitted. Dean DePauw informed the council that one of the issues brought forth was whether the effective date should be Fall 2008 or Fall 2009. It can be done either way. The first step will be to stop approving new 4000 level courses for graduate credit. This will give an effective date of Fall 2008, but the full implementation will be Fall 2009 because the transition will take approximately one year. The plan will have to be implemented in two phases. During AY 2008-09, the 689 approved 4000 level courses will be reviewed with each department to determine whether they want to keep it as a 4000 level course, change it to a 5000 level course, or change it to a conjoint 4000/5000 level course. There will be a special streamlined approval process through the Graduate Curriculum Committee for these courses. There will not be any changes for students that already have an approved plan of study. The new students will be going on to the new plan of study. The students that are in-between will be handled on an individual basis to determine the best plan of study.

Dr. Steger requested that an additional "resolved" clause be added to the resolution to clarify the effective date and stipulate that there will be no approvals of 3000-level or 4000-level courses for graduate credit during AY 2008-09.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution CSA 2007-08A

Resolution for Policy on Dismissal of Patient from Care at Schiffert Health Center

Mr. Joe McFadden presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Kanitta Charoensiri, Director of the Schiffert Health Center, then reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy. The policy was updated to provide more specific guidelines for dismissing students from care. The changes have been reviewed by Legal Counsel and the policy would only be enforced in extreme cases. A question was raised as to what happens after the patient is dismissed. Dr. Charoensiri indicated that there will be a two-week grace period during which Schiffert would help the patient find another healthcare provider. Dr. Richard Ferraro indicated that a dismissal from care has only taken place once in the last ten years, and this is something that is done in extreme cases generally for the protection of the center, workers, and other patients.

Dr. Ferraro will modify the resolution to address some concerns that were expressed.

Dean DePauw questioned if there are other implications for graduate students for whom the university is covering most of the cost of their health insurance. Dean DePauw was told that these students may seek care from any medical care provider, but the cost to them is less when they are referred by the Schiffert Health Center.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution CSA 2007-08B

Resolution for Changes to University Policies for Student Life: Weapons Policy

Mr. Joe McFadden presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Frances Keene, Director of Judicial Affairs, reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy. In summary, part of the UPSL review this year has been to look at things in the Governor's Panel report for ways policies should be reviewed and modified as they relate to weapons on campus. One of the recommendations was to prohibit ammunition on campus. The current policy has always prohibited weapons on campus, and if weapons are not allowed, there should not be a need for ammunition. A question was raised about the inclusion of explosives. Ms. Keene indicated that there is a separate policy already established for fireworks and other explosives. It was then questioned how this will affect a faculty member who may use ammunition as part of his/her research. It was determined that this policy only governs students.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution CSA 2007-08C

Resolution for Changes to University Policies for Student Life: Interim Suspension Policy

Mr. Joe McFadden presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Frances Keene then reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy. The university has always had, as part of the code of conduct, a process by which a student could be suspended on an interim basis from the university if there is reason to believe that that person poses a threat or danger to oneself, others, or property. This is a more streamlined version of the current policy.

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
February 14, 2008
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
February 11, 2008
February 25, 2008
March 17, 2008
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
February 1, 2008
February 15, 2008
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
February 6, 2008
February 20, 2008
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
February 7, 2008
- Commission on Research
November 14, 2007
December 5, 2007
February 13, 2008

- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
August 24, 2007
September 18, 2007
November 13, 2007
January 15, 2008
February 19, 2008
- Commission on Student Affairs
February 7, 2008
February 21, 2008
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
March 10, 2008
- Commission on University Support
November 15, 2007
February 21, 2008

5. For Information Only

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
January 24, 2008
February 28, 2008

6. Update from Dwight Shelton on the State Budget

Mr. Shelton informed the council that the General Assembly did not conclude on time. However, they did reach an agreement the following week with regard to the operating budget for the state. The operating budget pretty much covers the items discussed at the last University Council meeting. The General Assembly did confirm a faculty and staff salary increase of two percent for each of the two years of the biennium, and the increase will remain on the traditional date of November 25 of each year. Dr. Steger informed the council that the General Assembly authorized the increase, but the university will have to fund 63% of the salary increase. The General Assembly will reconvene to consider the Governor's actions and the capital budget on April 23.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m.