

**University Council Minutes
May 7, 2001**

Present: Charles Steger (Chair), Bob Bates, Erv Blythe, James Bohland, Ben Dixon, Peter Eyre, Elizabeth Flanagan, Eileen Hitchingham, Janet Johnson, Paul Knox, Kim O'Rourke, Leonard Peters, Joseph Merola, Jennie Reilly, Dwight Shelton (for Minnis Ridenour), Raymond Smoot, Richard Sorensen, Andy Swiger, Tom Tillar, Pat Hyer (for Susan Angle), James Martin, Leon Geyer, Irene Leech, Terry Herdman, Marqueea King, Steven Thompson, Ed Fox (for Joe Hunnings), Jeryl Jones, Tim Pratt, Kamal Rojiani, Bob Tracy, Mitzi Vernon, John Hillison, Jack Davis, Rebecca Crittenden, Pat Devens, John Williams (for Suzanne Murrmann), Dan Dolan, Pete Martens (by phone), Althea Aschmann, Delbert Jones, Benjamin Poe, Melinda Pomeroy (for Alexandria Graves), Brandy Ellen Cowing, Ryan Hartman (for Christina Coukos)

Absent: Gregory Brown, Landrum Cross, Bill Stephenson, Virginia Buechner-Maxwell, Wayne Durham, Skip Fuhrman, Sam Hicks, Bernard Feldman, Rodney Gaines, Ashley Marshall, Donna Cassell, Debbie Wilson, David Fowler, Chris DelVecchio, Kylie Felps, Peter Logan, Candace Wiltshire

Guests: Rosemary Blieszner, Eugene Brown, John Moore

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

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

2. **Announcement of approval and posting of Council Minutes of April 16, 2001**

Dr. Steger noted that the minutes from the April 16, 2001, University Council meeting have been voted on and approved electronically. Once voted upon, University Council minutes can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the WEB. (<http://intra.vt.edu/govern/>)

3. **Ongoing Business**

Second Reading (First reading April 16, 2001)

Staff Senate

Resolution 2000-2001A

Revision to the Constitution of the Virginia Tech Staff Senate, Article V Section D

The resolution was presented for second reading. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Second Reading (First reading March 19, 2001)
Commission on Research
Resolution 2000-2001B
Special Research Faculty Ranks and Related Issues
First Reading March 19, 2001**

The resolution was presented for second reading. A motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote.

**Second Reading (First reading March 19, 2001)
Commission on Research
Resolution 2000-2001C
Revision of University Policy 13,000 on Intellectual Properties
First Reading March 19, 2001**

Terry Herdman, Chair of the Commission on Research, stated that the Commission on Research discussed the resolution at its meeting on April 25. At that meeting, Mitzi Vernon updated the Commission regarding discussion of the resolution in the Faculty Senate. After long discussion, the Commission on Research determined that the resolution should be withdrawn at this time. Details of the discussion can be found in the Commission on Research minutes for April 25. The Intellectual Property Policy Committee has been asked to continue to work on the policy and to bring the policy back to COR for the first meeting in the fall of 2001.

Dr. Herdman made a motion to withdraw the resolution. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Council approved the following Commission minutes:

- Commission on Classified Staff Affairs
March 28, 2001
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
April 6, 2001
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
April 20, 2001
- Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies
February 21, 2001
- Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies
March 21, 2001
- Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies
April 4, 2001

Pat Hyer noted that a correction needs to be made to the April 4 minutes of the Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies. Under Committee Reports, Graduate Curriculum Committee, the minutes incorrectly state that departmental names can be changed without SCHEV approval. SCHEV does need to approve departmental name changes. Minutes of the April 4 meeting should be changed accordingly.

- Commission on Outreach
February 8, 2001
- Commission on Research
April 11, 2001
- Commission on Research
April 25, 2001
- Commission on Student Affairs
March 29, 2001
- Commission on Student Affairs
April 12, 2001

Marquea King introduced Ryan Hartman, Chair of the Commission on Student Affairs for 2001-2002.

- Commission on Undergraduate Studies & Policies
April 9, 2001
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies & Policies
April 23, 2001

4. **For Information Only**

It was noted that the minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning for March 29, 2001 were distributed for information only.

Dr. Steger thanked members of Council for their participation in the last year. He noted that we are still waiting to get a budget resolution from our representatives in Richmond. Information about the budget will be announced as it becomes available.

Dr. Steger adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant to the President

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