

**University Council Minutes  
February 4, 2002  
1045 Pamplin Hall, 3:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Charles Steger (Presiding), Dennis Cochrane (for Laynam Chang), Jeb Stewart (for Erv Blythe), Mark McNamee, Lanny Cross, Ben Dixon, Peter Eyre, Elizabeth Flanagan, Eileen Hitchingham, Janet Johnson, Kim O'Rourke, James Blair (for Len Peters), Joe Merola, Lisa Wilkes (for Minnis Ridenour), Ray Smoot, Rich Sorensen, Malcolm McPherson, Pat Hyer (for Susan Angle), Ed Fox, Ryan Hartman, Bob Hendricks, Marge Murray, Eric Pappas (for Susan Sumner), Jeryl Jones, Tim Pratt, Kamal Rojiani, Mitzi Vernon, Rebecca Crittenden, Pat Devens, Dan Dolan, Bernard Feldman, Philip Huang, Suzanne Murrmann, Mike Martin, Randy Stith, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Sharonda Meade (for Melinda Pomeroy), Anne Klein (for Christina Coukos), Robert Kopera, Rachel Luken, Brian Montgomery, Susan Saunders, Ross Amico (for Clayton Smith)

**Absent:** Gregory Brown, Paul Knox, Melvin Gillespie, Andy Swiger, Tom Tillar, Stephen Boyle, Mike Koechlein, Ed Sewell, Mark Barrow, Wayne Durham, Bob Tracy, Jack Davis, John Hillison, Rodney Gaines, Kwaku Kankam, Althea Aschmann, Debbie Wilson, Brandy Ellen Cowing, Marquea King

**Guests:** David Ford, Gunnar Lucko, Kim Beisecker, Marissa Pugh, Dwight Shelton, Victoria Clayton, Kay Heidbreder

Charles Steger, Chair, 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. The motion carried.

**2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of December 3, 2001.**

Dr. Steger noted that these minutes have been voted on and approved electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the WEB (<http://intra.vt.edu/govern/>)

**3. New Business**

**First Reading**

**Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, Resolution 2001-2002A**  
Resolution for Establishment of the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences (SBES)

Elaine Scott, Director of the Center for Biomedical Engineering, introduced the resolution for first reading. Dr. Scott gave a brief history of the origination of the idea for the school, stated who is involved, presented its mission statement, foreseeable benefits, organizational structure, budget, academic degree programs, research focus areas, and requirements for its PhD program.

When questioned about collaborating with other colleges and departments within the University on this project, specifically Arts and Sciences, Dr. Scott replied that as soon as this project gains approval, other departments and colleges will be brought on board.

Peter Eyre expressed his concern about this program possibly being a duplicate of a similar program at the University of Virginia. However, it was discussed, that SBES Would really have a different focus and not duplicate UVA's program.

Malcolm McPherson added that NIH funding would improve our position.

Note: An 11-page summary of the SBES proposal was provided to council members. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the full 35-page proposal should contact Dr. Scott. ([scottep@vt.edu](mailto:scottep@vt.edu))

#### **4. Ongoing Business**

##### **Second Reading**

##### **Commission on Student Affairs, Resolution 2001-2002A Resolution Supporting International Outreach Programming**

A motion was made to review this resolution for the second time. This was seconded. Pat Hyer presented a friendly amendment to the resolution changing the word "including" to "such as" in the last paragraph. A motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

##### **Second Reading**

##### **Commission on Student Affairs, Resolution 2001-2002B Resolution Creating the Extended Campus Student Organization**

A motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

##### **Council accepted the following Commission minutes:**

- Commission on Administrative and Faculty Affairs  
November 29, 2001
- Commission on Classified Staff Affairs  
November 30, 2001
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
November 7, 2001  
December 5, 2001
- Commission on Outreach  
November 8, 2001

- Commission on Research  
October 24, 2001 (revised)  
November 14, 2001  
November 28, 2001  
December 12, 2001
- Commission on Student Affairs  
November 15, 2001  
November 29, 2001
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
November 26, 2001  
December 10, 2001 (amended to include that the November 26, 2001 minutes were approved)
- Commission on University Support  
October 25, 2001  
November 29, 2001

#### **5. For Information Only**

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning  
November 8, 2001  
November 29, 2001  
December 21, 2001

#### **6. Announcements**

#### **7. Adjournment**

Dr. Steger adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

#### **8. Presentation**

Intellection Property Policy presented by Bob Hendricks, Kay Heidbreder, Jim Blair, Mike Martin, and Carol Robertson.

Respectfully submitted,

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