

**University Council Minutes**  
**March 21, 2005**  
**3:00 – 5:00 PM**  
**1045 Pamplin Hall**

**Present:** Mark McNamee (Presiding), Ed Henneke for Hassan Aref, Jeb Stewart for Erv Blythe, Lay Nam Chang, Elizabeth Flanagan, Eileen Hitchingham, James Hyatt, Paul Knox, Kurt Krause, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Tim Mack for Sharron Quisenberry, Dwight Shelton, Lud Eng for Gerhardt Schurig, Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, David Travis, Dawn Barnes, Jean Brickey, Virginia Fowler, Ray Plaza, Susanna Rinehart, Judith Shrum, Jack Cranford, JoAnn Emmel, Richard Goff, Kathleen Jones, Mark Anderson, Marion Ehrich, Rakesh Kapania, Peter Kennelly, Sue Ellen Crocker, Donna Hamm, Edward Lener, Maxine Lyons, Lori Anne Sheppard, Sumeet Bagai, Brandon Bull, Melinda Cep, Lauren Good for Maya Newhagen, Matt Vepraskas, James Tyger for Devin Weller

**Absent:** Landrum Cross, Karen DePauw, Ben Dixon, John Dooley, Brad Fenwick, David Ford, Michael Kelly, Charles Steger, Klaus Elgert, Grant Otto, Jim Weaver (with notice), Susan Anderson, Richard Ashley, Don Orth, James Berkson, Bernice Hausman, Representative for Hans Rott, Muzzo Uysal, John Jay Carter, Terry Kershaw, Therese Lovegreen, Myrna Callison, Yvette Quintela, Antionette Stroter

**Guests:** Pat Hyer, John Hillison

Dr. McNamee 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 February 21, 2005**

Dr. McNamee 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. New Business**

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CUSP 2004-05A

Resolution to Approve Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences

Dr. Virginia Fowler introduced the resolution for first reading. Dr. John Hillison explained that this is a new bachelor's degree that has a unique combination of breadth and depth. It is modeled after the Interdisciplinary Studies major with a series of minors offered. Industry is supportive of this degree. No new resources would be required.

**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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
February 14, 2005  
February 28, 2005
- Commission on Faculty Affairs  
January 28, 2005  
February 18, 2005
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
October 20, 2004  
February 2, 2005  
February 16, 2005
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs  
February 10, 2005
- Commission on Student Affairs  
February 3, 2005  
February 17, 2005
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
October 25, 2004  
January 24, 2005

## **5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Dr. McNamee adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim T. O'Rourke  
Chief of Staff, President's Office

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