

University Council Minutes
May 1, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (Presiding), Richard Benson, Anne Moore for Erv Blythe, Lay Nam Chang, Karen DePauw, Ben Dixon, John Dooley, Brad Fenwick, Elizabeth Flanagan, David Ford, Zenobia Hikes, Donald Kenny for Eileen Hitchingham, Michael Kelly, Paul Knox, Denny Cochrane for Kurt Krause, Kevin McDonald, Bill Snizek for Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Tim Mack for Sharron Quisenberry, Gerhardt Schurig, Melinda West for Dwight Shelton, Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, Judy Alford, Jan Helge Bohn, Scott Case, Mike Akers for Sam Easterling, Joan Moore, Ray Plaza, Kerry Redican, Jory Ruscio, Judith Shrum, Bob Wheeler, Susan Anderson, Jack Cranford, O. H. Griffin, for Richard Goff, Amy Nelson for Kathleen Jones, Kamal Rojiani, , Jean Brickey, Robin Atkins for Sue Ellen Crocker, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Louellen Sharp, Lori Anne Sheppard, Mark Anderson, Gene Brown, Marion Ehrich, Joe Eska, Muzzo Uysal, Edward Lener, Therese Lovegreen, Ed McPherson, Stephen "Jamie" Kalista, James Tyger, Susanna Rinehart

Absent: Jim Hyatt (with notice), Mark McNamee (with notice), Richard Ashley, Fabrice Teulon, Chris Thomas, James Berkson, Leon Geyer, Joe Eska, Hans Rott, Muzzo Uysal, Akilah Chopfield, Laura Gillman, Donna Hamm (with notice), David Jones, Swamy Siddaramappa, Kerry Wood, Sumeet Bagai, Mike Barnett, Lindsey Leisher, Kristina Perry, Sarah Saxton, Jennifer Jessie, Navin Manjooan

Guests: Frances Keene, Pat Hyer, Teresa Wright

President Steger called the meeting to order at 3:04 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 April 17, 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 Student Affairs

Resolution CSA 2005-06A

Resolution for Changes to University Policies for Student Life

Ms. Jory Zmuda Ruscio turned the floor over to Ms. Frances Keene, Director of Judicial Affairs, to address specifics of the resolution prior to making a motion for approval. Ms. Keene reported that she was able to meet with CGSP and CUSP. The first portion of the resolution was passed unanimously by CUSP. The Undergraduate Honor System is also fully supportive. As in the previous University Council meeting, some of the same concerns voiced by CGSP still remained. This resolution is viewed to still be in conflict with the graduate honor system constitution. The conflicts would still need to be addressed should the resolution pass. Concerns of possible student privacy violations were also expressed. Ms. Keene stated that if University Council so chooses, the three components can be considered separately.

On behalf of CGSP, Dr. Scott Case reported that the Commission requests more time to review specific points in conflict to the graduate honor system the policy. Ms. Susanna Rinehart, representative of Faculty Senate, expressed concern that there may not have been adequate review time by key individuals and groups. Ms. Rinehart recommended deferring the entire resolution (all parts) to allow for adequate review time and circulation.

A question was raised about the inequity of reciprocity being confined to the state of Virginia while institutions in neighboring states may be geographically closer to Virginia Tech than some of the institutions within in the confines of the Commonwealth. Ms. Keene stated that the university can always take action on offenses committed by a VT student in any part of the United States if the university's interests are deemed to be involved.

A motion was made and seconded to defer the entire resolution to the fall. A vote to defer the entire resolution was passed unanimously. Dr. Steger explained that deferring to the fall would technically kill the resolution because the bylaws prohibit carrying business forward to the next academic year. However, the resolution can be brought forward anew and approved by University Council in the fall. If presented early enough, the Board of Visitors could then vote on the resolution in their November meeting. This would allow the resolution to be in effect for the spring semester 2007. In the interim, the resolution should be discussed further with CGSP, and the Faculty Senate. Any other interested parties should identify themselves to Ms. Keene.

[Secretary's note: Technically, a subsidiary motion – such as a motion to defer or postpone to a certain time – cannot be made unless there is a main motion on the floor. Because Ms. Ruscio never made the motion for approval of the resolution, there was no main motion on the floor. In any event, the By-laws prevent business being carried from one academic year to the next, and thus, to be considered by University Council, the resolution would have to be presented anew to University Council next fall for first reading, second reading, and vote. It would be considered a new resolution (or new resolutions).]

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution to Approve new Degree “Construction Engineering and Management”
Bachelor of Science from the College of Engineering

Dr. Bob Wheeler presented the resolution for second reading and made motion for approval. The resolution was seconded and passed unanimously.

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
April 14, 2006
- Commission on Classified Staff Affairs
March 9, 2006
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
April 17, 2006
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
March 31, 2006

- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
March 15, 2006
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
April 13, 2006

5. For Information Only

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
March 23, 2006

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Steger adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.