

University Council Minutes
March 23, 2020
3:30 PM
Meeting via Videoconference

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), Debra Stoudt for Laura Belmonte, Richard Blythe, Cyril Clarke, Greg Daniel, Karen DePauw, Bryan Garey, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Scott Midkiff, Ken Miller, Sally Morton, April Myers, Kelly Oaks, Kim O'Rourke, Julie Farmer for Charles Phlegar, Dwayne Pinkney, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Julia Ross, Robert Sumichrast, Don Taylor, Tyler Walters, Paul Winistorfer, Urs Buehlmann, Greg Fansler, John Hole, Kimberley Homer, Alan Michaels, Kerry Redican, Lori Buchanan for Serena Young, Monty Abbas, Diane Agud, Eric Kaufman, Bettina Koch, Robin Queen, Anthony Wright de Hernandez, Chad Bolding for Daniel Hindman, LaTawnya Burleson, Brandy Morse, Sue Teel, Janice Austin, Conaway Haskins, Inga Haugen, Glenda Scales, Hani Awni, Alexis Hruby, John Ferris, & Tamarah Smith

Absent: Michael Friedlander, Guru Ghosh (with notice), Lee Learman (with notice), Steve McKnight, Frank Shushok, Lisa Wilkes, Jonathan Bradley, Bob Hicok, Collin Shelton, Cayce Myers, Lynn Abbott, David Bieri, Matthew Gabriele, Jia-Qiang He, Chris Lawrence, Mary Marchant (with notice), David Tegarden, Jennifer Earley, Velva Groover, Katrina Loan, Teresa Lyons, Khaled Hassouna, Kase Poling, Caitlyn Stokes, Sharon Stidham, Blake Barnhill, Jayme Bibbins, Conrad Briles, Kaitlyn Cole, Jack Shebat, Adi Sircar, Ryan King, & Madelynn Todd

Guests: Nicole Akers, Rosemary Blieszner, Kevin Edgar, Mike Ellerbrock, Jack Finney, Kari Evans, Rebekah Gunn, Dee Harris, Matt Holt, Elizabeth Hooper, Ellen Plummer, Nadine Sinno, & Chris Yianilos

President Sands called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held entirely electronically for the first time. Dr. Sands took a moment to apprise the members that there is currently no new information to share regarding measures the university is taking regarding the coronavirus pandemic. He then thanked everyone for their flexibility during these extraordinary times.

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 March 2, 2020

President Sands noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance website: <https://governance.vt.edu>

3. Old Business

Note: A new electronic voting process was implemented, and all votes were submitted and calculated at the conclusion of old business. Results of each member's vote have been documented and are attached to the meeting minutes.

Commission on Faculty Affairs- Withdrawn by the Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2019-20B

Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Promotion and Tenure Guidelines

President Sands announced that resolution CFA 2019-20B has been withdrawn by the Commission on Faculty Affairs and will be re-introduced during the 2020-21 academic year.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2019-20H

Resolution to Change Membership to the Athletics Committee

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2019-20I

Resolution to Approve New Major, Community Economic Development, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2019-20J

Resolution to Approve New Major, Food and Health Systems Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2019-20K

Resolution to Approve New Major, Environmental Economics: Management and Policy, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2019-20L

Resolution to Approve New Major, International and Trade Development, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2019-20M

Resolution to Approve New Major, Arabic, in Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

4. New Business

Commission on Research

Resolution COR 2019-20A

Resolution on Updates to Policy 13005

Alan Michaels introduced the resolution for first reading. Policy 13005, Centers and Institutes: Establishment, Governance, and Programmatic Oversight has been evaluated by a number of campus stakeholders over the last eighteen months. Largely it is a streamlining of the communication in the policy to make it easier to understand as to what each stakeholder's responsibility is as well as cleaning up some of the language within the policy. A substantive update is streamlining the evaluation process particularly for departmental centers.

5. Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web (<https://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 Faculty Affairs
February 21, 2020
- Commission on Research
December 5, 2019

6. For Information Only

Minutes from the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning.
February 20, 2020

7. Presentation on Federal Affairs and General Assembly Session

Dwayne Pinkney, Chris Yianilos, and Elizabeth Hooper presented a federal and state legislative update. (presentation attached).

8. Presentation on the Planning for Virginia Tech's Sesquicentennial

Rosemary Blieszner, Co-Chair of the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, presented an update in the planning of Virginia Tech's sesquicentennial commemoration. (presentation attached).

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 p.m.