

MINUTES

Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs

November 7, 2025

9:00 a.m.

CID Multipurpose Rooms

Present: Aarav Parikh (presiding), Kat Nelson (representing James Bridgeforth), April Myers (representing Kim O'Rourke), Tamara Cherry-Clarke, Kyla Dance, Sara Armstrong, Dee Hopkins, Cady Shenk, Jeril Antoney, Lindsay Barron, Carolin McInnish, Ryan Zekra, Atharva Shashank, Kokane, Arturo Sorain, March Divitto, Prehaan Parikh, Nyima Kijera, Yohan Sequeira, and Sydney Holland.

Absent: Dr. James Bridgeforth (representing Frances Keene), Mantu Hudait, and Jacob Sobol.

Guests: Chloe Hurren and Morgen Snowadzky.

Aarav Parikh called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of October 24, 2025.

Aarav noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu

3. Unfinished Business

None.

4. New Business

UCSO Information repository template (Appendix A)

Aarav presented the repository template for feedback and summarized the conversation from the last meeting. Morgen asked if we plan to retroactively update these for historical information. Kat stated it would be feasible to do it starting from when CUSA began. There was consensus that this document will be updated retroactively starting at the beginning of CUSA in 2021. It was asked how often the template changes. Aarav replied either once a year or when a major change happens, whichever comes first. CUSA members discussed the re-establishment process to ensure student needs are met even after a UCSO gets dissolved. Aarav stated that due to the current process in place, student needs will not be met for six years after a UCSA gets dissolved and a new one steps un in their place.

Policy 8012 language recommendation (Appendix B)

Aarav presented the language recommendations that will be shared with Dr. Frances Keene and Dr. James Bridgeforth for first reading. Aarav discussed the additions of subpart 3.6 (changes to UCSO operations) and subpart 3.7 (temporary suspension of UCSO status). A question was asked to clarify the suspension part. Aarav clarified that the recommendations is not to call it suspension because of the context of the word so that will likely be changed in advance of second reading. Morgen

suggested narrowing scope because CUSA does not have the authority to enforce University Policy and State and Federal regulations. Aarav stated that the goal is not for enforcement but to have a process for noncompliant UCSOs. The participants discussed funding allocations in regard to a frozen UCSO. Since this is outside the scope of CUSA, Kat recommended Aarav bring subpart 3.7 to SAFAB to see if language could be aligned between these proposals and SAFAB policy and procedures.

CUSA discussed timeframes for how long a UCSO can be frozen before dissolving. Kat clarified that CUSA is limited in what they can oversee, and there would be other conversations with professional staff needed before a final decision is made. A timeline of one year was suggested. Another member suggested four years to ensure that a new cycle of students takes place. Morgen stated that four years is likely not necessary if there are no safety issues involved. Another member discussed how long it took for First Gen to get back on track. Aarav suggested it would be helpful to get the UCSO's perspective on this discussion and will contact them for feedback.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.