

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2010
Burruss Hall, Room 325**

PRESENT:

Members: Leslie O'Brien, Chair, Greg Fansler (for Tom Tillar), Bradley Scott, Angela Hayes (for Betsy Flanagan), Linda Woodard (for Sherwood Wilson), Amro Ahmed, Sue Ott Rowlands, Michael Evans, Mike Coleman, Guy Sims (for Ed Spencer), Jim Tokuhisa, Pat Rodgers (for Erv Blythe), James D. Arthur

Recorder: Linda Woodard

1. Approval of agenda

Leslie O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Announcement of approval of February 18, 2010 minutes

Minutes were approved electronically.

3. Old Business

L. O'Brien consulted with Kim O'Rourke about the Computing and Communications Resources committee. The Commission can formally disband the committee by resolution, modify the existing committee by resolution, or continue the status quo. Formal action by resolution would make it more difficult to resurrect the committee in the future. L. O'Brien asked for comments and discussion. Given the lateness of the academic year the best solution might be to work with the 5 existing committees to enhance communication through governance. P. Rodgers will have minutes of these five subcommittees shared with the commission and the University Council. They will also post the membership and minutes on the individual web sites for each of the groups.

P. Rodgers said we can invite a committee chair to report at commission meetings. L. O'Brien can invite a committee chair to present at the April meeting and to kick things off.

L. O'Brien asked if there were any comments and suggested we could try this out for next year. We have a lot of continuity with this commission going forward into next year, so if we decide to try this we have the follow through for next year to explain why we've done it this way.

L. O'Brien asked if this recommendation was acceptable to the commission members if we get the minutes out for review and invite one of the chairs to present on what the committees are doing at the April meeting. There was general agreement.

Pat Rodgers said the committees have been fairly stable the past couple of years. There is not a lot of turnover. Pat thinks every committee has at least one student sitting on the committee. Commission members are invited to attend the advisory committee meetings also.

4. Reports from Committee Chairs/Representatives

- Committee Briefings
 - Jim McCoy reported that the Energy & Sustainability (E&S) committee met Feb. 22 to discuss several agenda items:
 - Proposed revision to Policy 5505 to incorporate directives of EO 82, which Governor Kaine issued. They will have a draft proposal to submit to Sherwood Wilson.
 - The Green Campus Challenge is underway; an online survey has been distributed to identify best practices relative to sustainable activities, such as recycling, travel avoidance, energy reduction, etc.
 - Distributed quarterly status report on climate action sustainability plan progress. It is available online.
 - Student member discussed Eco-Olympics – a student run challenge/competition among residence halls to demonstrate how campus community is engaged in sustainable activities.
 - J. McCoy also reported on the Building committee
 - They had a HABB1 design project presentation – an Ag Research facility-part of planned precinct of buildings. Funding for design of 1st building provided but state construction funding uncertain.
 - L. O'Brien reported on the Parking and Transportation committee; she received a draft resolution regarding the agreement between Parking Services and Athletics and should have more information for April commission meeting.

5. Acceptance of Committee Minutes

The committee minutes were accepted for filing.

6. Next meeting date

The next and final meeting of the semester will take place on April 15, 2010 at a different location—the President's Board Room.

Adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chiocca