

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2016  
325 Burruss Hall**

**MEMBERS**

Members Present: Richard Ashley, Cynthia Bonner, Kathy Hosig, Bradley Klein, Edward Lener, Gary Long (for Lay Nam Chang), Savita Sharma (for Dwight Shelton), Henry Murray, Pat Rodgers (for Scott Midkiff), Julie Shumaker (for Charles Phlegar), Ken Smith, Ryan Speer, Sherwood Wilson

Members Absent: Robbie Ashton, Mary Christian, Felicia Etzkorn, Chris Kiwus, Christina Lapel

Guest: Jon Fritsch, Steve Mouras, Daniel Strock, Rex Willis

**Recorder:** Vickie Chiocca

**1. Approval of agenda**

Ed Lener called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The agenda was approved.

**2. New Business**

Daniel Strock, SGA Vice President and Rex Willis, the incoming SGA Vice President presented the SGA resolution, "Addition of Electronic Cigarettes to Policy 1010" to the Commission for consideration in the 2016-17 academic year. The resolution proposes that the administration rewrite Policy 1010, Section 4 to include electronic cigarettes and vapor products in the definition of smoking. They noted that other peer institutions, including several Virginia universities, added electronic cigarettes in the definition of smoking within the past couple of years. The SGA representatives also stated a campus-wide survey indicated that a majority of students are in favor of adding electronic cigarettes to the smoking policy. Mr. Lener requested that Mr. Strock send him the details and numerical results from the survey, in addition to the results of research the students collected (i.e., policy language used by peer institutions), for distribution to the Commission members. Mr. Lener stated that the item would be added to the September 2016 Commission agenda for consideration, since there was not enough time remaining in the current academic year.

**3. Announcement of approval of March 17, 2016 minutes**

These minutes were approved electronically.

**4. New Business**

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016-17

Mr. Lener asked if there were nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the 2016-17 Commission. Ms. Hosig motioned to nominate Richard Ashley as Chair, pending approval by the Faculty Senate to continue his term as a Faculty Senate representative for 2016-17. The motion was seconded by Henry Murray and carried unanimously. Mr. Lener agreed to continue serving as Chair in the interim. In a follow-up communication with Mr. Lener, Rami Dalloul, the President of the Faculty Senate, indicated that Richard Ashley was reappointed to the Faculty Senate for 2016-17.

## **5. Reports from Committee Chairs/Representatives**

Mr. Mouras reported on the Campus Development Committee (on behalf of Jason Soileau) and the Energy and Sustainability Committee.

The **Campus Development Committee** shared the following discussion items from the March 24 committee meeting:

- Update on projects in construction;
- Updates on the Campus Master Plan and the Parking and Transportation Master Plan; and
- Updates on the Drillfield Paths.

Mr. Mouras reported on the February 22 **Energy & Sustainability Committee** meeting noting the following discussion items:

- Green RFP program (received a record 35 proposals); and
- Update on university composting provider which primarily supports Dining Services.

## **6. Acceptance of Committee Minutes**

The following committee minutes were accepted electronically by the Commission in advance of the meeting.

- Campus Development Committee – Mar. 24, 2016
- Energy & Sustainability Committee – Feb. 22, 2016

## **7. Old Business**

Mr. Lener asked Mr. Smith to give an update to the Commission on the Labor Day Holiday proposal. While there is interest in adding Labor Day as an official closed holiday to the academic calendar, there are concerns on meeting instruction scheduling needs, particularly for laboratory classes. The Academic Support Committee has recommended not to make the change to the academic calendar for Fall 2016. They will research further and plan to consider next year.

## **8. Next meeting date**

Mr. Lener reminded the Committee of the next meeting date: September 15, 2016, 2:00 p.m. 325 Burruss Hall

**Adjourned** at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chiocca



House Sponsor: Morgan Miller  
Senate Sponsor: Arianna Jensen-Wachspress

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**Addition of Electronic Cigarettes to Policy 1010**

- (1) **WHEREAS**, the state of Virginia prohibits the sale, distribution, and use of electronic
- (2) cigarettes, vapor products and other alternative nicotine products to persons under the
- (3) age of 18, mirroring their regulation of tobacco products like cigars and cigarettes, and
  
- (4) **WHEREAS**, there is currently no FDA regulation of what can be included in
- (5) electronic cigarettes, and
  
- (6) **WHEREAS**, initial lab tests conducted in 2009 found detectable levels of toxic cancer-
- (7) causing chemicals in two leading brands of electronic cigarettes, and
  
- (8) **WHEREAS**, the American College Health Association recommends that college and
- (9) universities "Develop a strongly worded tobacco policy...including, but not limited to,
- (10) cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, and cigarillos," and
  
- (11) **WHEREAS**, universities including University of Florida and Vanderbilt University
- (12) have adopted similar policies,
  
- (13) **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Virginia Tech Student Government
- (14) Association encourage the administration to rewrite Policy 1010, Section 4 to read,
- (15) "SMOKING is the lighting or burning of any pipe, cigar, or cigarette; or the use of any
- (16) electronic cigarette, vaporizer, or other tobacco product.

Stephen Hensell  
Speaker of the House

Signature

03/30/2016  
Date

Stephanie Payne  
Speaker of the Senate

Signature

03/30/2016  
Date

Tanushri Shankar  
President

Signature

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