

University Council Minutes
November 2, 2009
3:00 – 5:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (Presiding), Richard Benson, Jack Finney for Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, John Dooley, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, Eileen Hitchingham, Alan Grant, Kevin McDonald, Mark McNamee, Kim O'Rourke, Barry Key for Dwight Shelton, Dale Robinson for Maggie Sloane, Richard Sorensen, Ed Spencer, Tom Tillar, Tom Inzana for Robert Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Terry Clements, Mike Ellerbrock, Pat Hyer for Frances Keene, William Huckle, Maxine Lyons, Michelle McLeese, Patrick Miller, Leslie O'Brien, Guy Sims, Jim Kuypers, Sheila Carter-Tod, Bob Sturges, Judy Alford, Jean Brickey, Travis Hundley, Lori Anne Kirk, Stacey Poertner, Wyatt Sasser, Dave Shuster, Annette Bailey, Kim Beisecker, Keisha Riley, Lindsay Moss, Alyson Boyce, Joshua Brooking for Angella De Soto, Shane McCarty, Steven Murphy, Rebecca French, Kristina Hartman, Gary Long, Tom Tucker

Absent: Earving Blythe, Sue Ott Rowlands, Gerhardt Schurig, Carla Finkielstein (with notice), Heather Boyd (with notice), Sam Easterling (with notice), Susanna Rinehart, Joyce Rothschild, Lewis Wasserman, Danny Axsom, Dave Dugas, Gene Seago, Dean Stauffer, David Vaughan, Craig Keys, Mike Parrish (with notice), Wayne Scales, Laura Freeman, Amy Reed, Jeff Chuang, Ally Hammond

Guests: Ana Barrenechea, Shelia Collins, Doug Martin, Erica Swanson, Kim Timpany

Dr. Steger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Dr. Steger made a announcement that the university is reviewing the mandatory furlough day the Governor has requested, and it does not seem that it will be cost efficient for the university to participate.

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 October 19, 2009

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. New Business

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2009-10B

Resolution for Change in Membership of the Commission on Student Affairs
(Change to University Council By-laws)

Ms. Michelle McLeese presented the resolution for first reading. The Commission is requesting the addition of the President of United Council of Fraternities and Sororities as a member of the Commission on Student Affairs.

4. Old Business

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Resolution 2009-10A

Updating the Membership of the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Dr. Guy Sims presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2009-10A

Resolution Amending the Constitution of the Virginia Tech Student Government Association

Ms. Michelle McLeese presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. Ms. McLeese informed the council that the resolution includes the corrections suggested during the previous meeting and a few typographical corrections. The motion was seconded, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

5. 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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity
September 21, 2009
October 5, 2009
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
September 25, 2009
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
September 16, 2009
October 7, 2009
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
September 28, 2009

6. Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs Report

Dr. Steger asked Dr. Pat Hyer to present briefly their goals for the academic year.

- a. CAPFA continues to work closely with the appointed AP faculty task force (CAPFA chair sits on the committee). CAPFA is interested in how the changes proposed from the task force will impact AP faculty. Commission members have been invited to attend those meetings and are involved in providing feedback, when appropriate, to the committee.
- b. CAPFA continues to schedule semesterly meetings with university leadership and AP faculty to increase AP awareness of university initiatives. Since AP faculty are diverse and spread throughout campus, it is an effort to increase communication as well as to promote involvement in governance in AP faculty issues. Our next meeting in November is an open forum for all AP with Sherwood Wilson (an email invitation went out last week).

- c. CAPFA continues to work with HR and be mindful of issues that the AP faculty conversion have raised.
- d. There are no issues before CAPFA at this time that require action by University Council before the conclusion of the semester.

7. Presentation

Dr. Steger asked Doug Martin to give a brief presentation about the Alternative Severance Option (ASO).

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m.