

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 2013

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. **Adoption of Agenda** Dr. Mark McNamee

2. **Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 18, 2013** Dr. Mark McNamee
These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.

3. **Old Business** Dr. Mark McNamee

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Diane Zahm
Resolution 2012-13E
Resolution to Approve the Major in Environmental Informatics, in the Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Wildlife

4. **New Business** Dr. Mark McNamee

Commission on Faculty Affairs Dr. Joe Merola
Resolution 2012-13A
Professors of Practice Chairing Graduate Committees

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Mayuresh Patil
Resolution 2012-13B
Resolution to Include a Scholarly Ethics and Integrity Component in Graduate Education

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Mayuresh Patil
Resolution 2012-13C
Resolution to Establish a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Translational Biology, Medicine and Health

Commission on Research Dr. Mike Akers
Resolution 2012-13C
Revision on Policy 13000 – Policy on Intellectual Properties

Commission on Student Affairs Mr. Nick Onopa
Resolution 2012-13D
Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)
Expansion of the Abusive Conduct Policy for Student Code of Conduct

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Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Diane Zahm
Resolution 2012-13G
Resolution to Approve Major in Russian, in Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13H

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Dr. Diane Zahm

5. **Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes**

These minutes have been accepted for filing by electronic vote and will be posted on the University web. 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.

Dr. Mark McNamee

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6. **Adjournment**

Dr. Mark McNamee

University Council Minutes
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Present: Mark McNamee (presiding), Ed Nelson for Richard Benson, Gary Long for Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, William Lewis, Scott Midkiff, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Sue Ott Rowlands, Patricia Perillo, Jennifer Hodgson for Gerhardt Schurig, Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Leslie O'Brien for Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Bob Smith for Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Mike Akers, Linda Bucy, Carlyle Brewster for Christine Fiori, Joe Merola, Mayuresh Patil, Yannis Stivachtis, Diane Zahm, Charlene Eska, Helene Renard, Susanna Rinehart, Eugene Brown, Dave Dugas, Sam Riley, Jane Robertson, Debra Salvador, Eric Wiseman, Darla Chudzik, Jen Mirabella, Wyatt Sasser, Nicole DaDamio, Lauren Heming, Karisa Moore, Karen Poff, Patricia Smith, Leighton Vila, Lester Schonberger for Dustin Dorph, Anjelica Smith, Robyn Jones, Nicholas Onopa, Sue Teel

Absent Charles Steger (with notice), Laura Rugless, Christopher Atkins (with notice), Dan Cook (with notice), Maxine Lyons, Scott Nelson, Bruce Pencek, Deborah Smith, Mike Denbow, William Huckle, Judy Alford (with notice), Teresa Lyons, Melissa Means, Amy Tunison (with notice), Patrick Tomlin, Shaimaa Abdallah, Elaine Mathis, Luke Hodge, Austin Larowe, Adam Smith, Paige Waltz, Sarah Karpanty

Guests: Randy Collins, Wanda Dean, Jack Finney, Michael Friedlander, Natalie Hart, William Knocke, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Rohsaan Settle, Angela Simmons, Dean Stauffer, Audra Van Wart, Randolph Wynne

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

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 18, 2013

Dr. McNamee 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>). (Note that the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2013, was cancelled.)

3. Old Business

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13E

Resolution to Approve the Major in Environmental Informatics, in the Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Wildlife

Dr. Diane Zahm 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 Faculty Affairs

Resolution 2012-13A

Professors of Practice Chairing Graduate Committees

Dr. Joe Merola presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will make a change in the *Faculty Handbook* to allow professors of practice to chair graduate committees.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13B

Resolution to Include a Scholarly Ethics and Integrity Component in Graduate Education

Dr. Mayuresh Patil presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution indicates that all graduate students will be required to participate in integrity and ethical behavior activities delineated by the student's program, department, or college as part of the student's graduation requirements. Dr. Merola informed the Council that the Commission on Faculty Affairs endorses the resolution, but suggests that language be added to indicate that this requirement will be completed within in the first year. Dean DePauw indicated that the plan of study is the means by which the Graduate School can verify that the requirement has been met, but the department or program would determine when the requirement should be met. This resolution doesn't mandate or prohibit awarding credit for this course. Topics for this requirement are:

1. Plagiarism and other violations of the Graduate Honor Code
2. Proper use of professional conventions in citation of existing research and scholarship, accurate reporting and ownership of findings, and acknowledgement of contributions to the work
3. Ethical standards in teaching, mentoring, and professional activities
4. Available avenues for reporting alleged misconduct

Dr. Wubah added that this will fulfill one of the requirements of the NIH with regard to the responsible conduct of research.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13C

Resolution to Establish a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Translational Biology, Medicine and Health

Dr. Mayuresh Patil presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Friedlander indicated that this new program is in response to a national need for translational science at multiple levels and across multiple disciplines. Students will take an introductory gateway course (eight credits) in the first semester which will include the fundamentals of biomedicine, physiological systems, and translational science. In the second semester, students will take a fundamentals course (eight credits) and will select a focus area. The six focus areas are:

1. Brain and Cognitive Sciences
2. Cancer
3. Health Implementation Science
4. Metabolism and Cardiovascular Science
5. Immunity and Infectious Disease
6. Development, Aging, and Repair

Dr. Patil indicated that the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies (CGSP) voted for the resolution but voiced concerns about the initial resources and funding for the students in the program. Dr. Patil then mentioned that the CGSP was also concerned that the program as designed is very resource intensive. There are six focus areas for just thirty students, and they each require eight credits in the first and second semesters. Dr. Friedlander indicated that there will be sufficient money and faculty to support this program. Thirty students will receive full funding for the first year while taking courses and performing research rotations. They will receive graduate assistantships competitive with the national average for similar degree programs as

well as health insurance and full tuition. Support towards assistantships, tuition and fees will be supplemented by the program in subsequent years on a declining scale, and the remainder of the support will be provided by the student's faculty mentor from grants, contracts, and/or start-up operating funds available to the faculty member through their home department or institute. In future years, it is expected that some of the student costs will be offset by NIH institutional training grants and individual pre-doctoral fellowships.

Commission on Research

Resolution 2012-13C

Revision on Policy 13000 – Policy on Intellectual Properties

Dr. Mike Akers presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Akers informed the Council that this resolution is a means to address an issue that stemmed from a lawsuit at Stanford. Dr. Knocke indicated that last time this policy was updated was in 1991. The current version of 13000 predates Virginia Tech Intellectual Properties. The updates to this policy more accurately reflect how intellectual property is handled at the university. There was some change of language to make the policy reflect what the Commonwealth of Virginia statute is in terms of the obligations of employees of the Commonwealth to disclose intellectual property.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2012-13D

Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Expansion of the Abusive Conduct Policy for Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Nick Onopa presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Angela Simmons stated that this resolution will change the Abusive Conduct Policy for Student Code of Conduct to add the recording of audio/visual material without consent and the distribution of audio/visual material without consent. There is also an addition of harassment.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2012-13E

Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Expansion of the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Nick Onopa presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Angela Simmons indicated that this resolution will change the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct by adding the possession of drug paraphernalia will be prohibited on campus. It was noted that this would only be for instances that are brought to the Student Conduct Office and would not include the use of such paraphernalia for research or instruction.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2012-13F

Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Expansion of the Unauthorized Entry Policy for Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Nick Onopa presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Angela Simmons stated that this resolution will expand the Unauthorized Entry Policy for Student Code of Conduct by including off-campus (public or private) property and/or facilities.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13G

Resolution to Approve Major in Russian, in Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages

Dr. Diane Zahm presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will add the Major in Russian in the Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13H

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Dr. Diane Zahm presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Zahm indicated that Fishery Science and Wildlife Science currently fall under the Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Wildlife and we are inconsistent with SCHEV Policy. This will only be an administrative change with no additional resources required.

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6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m.