

# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 30, 2012

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Dr. Charles Steger
  
2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 19, 2012 Dr. Charles Steger  

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.
  
3. New Business Dr. Charles Steger  

**Commission on Faculty Affairs** Dr. Sarah Karpanty  
Resolution 2011-12B  
Revision of Consulting and Conflict of Commitment Policies

**Commission on Faculty Affairs** Dr. Sarah Karpanty  
Resolution 2011-12C  
Revision of *the Faculty Handbook* Concerning Conflict of Interest and Faculty Promotion Committees

**Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies** Dr. Victoria Soghomonian  
Resolution 2011-12F  
Resolution to Discontinue the Master of Information Systems
  
4. Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes Dr. Charles Steger  

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.

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs  
March 14, 2012

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
February 6, 2012  
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Commission on Faculty Affairs  
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Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
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March 21, 2012

Commission on Research  
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Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs  
March 27, 2012

Commission on Student Affairs  
March 1, 2012  
March 22, 2012  
April 5, 2012

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Polices  
February 27, 2012  
March 12, 2012  
March 26, 2012  
April 9, 2012

Commission on University Support  
February 16, 2012  
March 15, 2012

5. **For Information Only**

Dr. Charles Steger

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning  
February 23, 2012

6. **Adjournment**

Dr. Charles Steger

**University Council Minutes**  
**April 30, 2012**  
**3:05 PM**  
**1045 Pamplin Hall**

**Present:** Mark McNamee (presiding), Jack Lesko for Richard Benson, Jeb Stewart for Earving Blythe, Diane Stearns for Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Julie Shumaker for Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Jennifer Hodgson, William Lewis, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Sue Ott Rowlands, Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Richard Sorensen, Ed Spencer, Tom Tillar, Beth Tranter for Robert Walters, Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Chris Atkins for Sandy Bass, Sarah Karpanty, Meghan Kuhn, Gary Long, Robin Panneton, Victoria Soghomonian, Sue Teel, James Tokuhisa, Randolph Wynne, Bryan Cloyd, Joe Merola, Helene Renard, Yannis Stivachtis, Eric Vance, Eugene Brown, Dave Dugas, Marion Ehrich, Sam Riley, Debra Salvador, Leigh Williams, Eric Wiseman, Jen Mirabella, Stacey Poertner, Justin Graves, Karen Poff, Shree Narayanan, Maxine Lyons, Bruce Pencek

**Absent** Charles Steger (with notice), Amy Hogan (with notice), Karen Jones (with notice), Jim Kuypers (with notice), Susanna Rinehart, Mike Denbow (with notice), Dan Cook, Teresa Lyons, Allison Rubio, Dave Shuster, Amy Tunison (with notice), Lauren Heming, Karisa Moore, Patricia Smith, Tonya Smith-Jackson (with notice), Patrick Tomlin, Swetha Kumar, Thomas Carl Long, Tyler Campbell (with notice), Corbin Dimeglio, Caroline Gimenez, Emily Schaefer, Adam Smith, Emily Wilkinson, Matt Banfield, Michelle McLeese

**Guests:** Shaimaa Abdallah, Jack Finney, Natalie Hart, Pat Hyer, April Myers, Todd Ogle

Dr. McNamee called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 19, 2012**

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 meetings scheduled for April 2, 2012, and April 16, 2012, were cancelled.)

**3. New Business**

**Commission on Faculty Affairs**

Resolution CFA 2011-12B

Revision of Consulting and Conflict of Commitment Policies

Dr. Sarah Karpanty presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will allow updates to the *Faculty Handbook* in order to be consistent with policy 13010. The major revisions deal with definitions of consulting and professional service and clarifications on how much consulting can be done when a faculty member is partially funded by sponsored research. It was indicated that one of the major changes is that faculty members who are on soft money or grant support have their outside consulting opportunities decreased by the amount of soft money that they are eligible to receive. It was suggested that this change will create a disincentive for faculty to

seek sponsored funding. Dr. Pat Hyer acknowledged that point. This reduction is in order to comply with federal contract regulations.

### **Commission on Faculty Affairs**

Resolution CFA 2011-12C

Revision of the *Faculty Handbook* Concerning Conflict of Interest and Faculty Promotion Committees.

Dr. Sarah Karpanty presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will allow updates to the *Faculty Handbook* in order to stay consistent with policy 13010. The Taskforce on Consulting and Conflict of Interest recommended that the Faculty Handbook be updated to clarify conflicts of interest involving family members or individuals with whom faculty members have a close personal relationship with respect to their role on promotion and tenure committees.

### **Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CGSP 2011-12F

Resolution to Discontinue the Master of Information Systems

Dr. Victoria Soghomonian presented the resolution for first reading. SCHEV flagged this program as one that has not been reaching the minimum standards for enrollment. This program does not fit its purpose any longer because there are other program options on the Blacksburg campus that students are utilizing.

## **4. Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes**

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## **6. Announcements**

- Shree Narayanan introduced Shaimaa Abdallah as the incoming Graduate Student Assembly President
- The Commencement Schedule has changed from previous years. The Graduate School ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the University ceremony will begin at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 11. There is a great expectation of security delays for the undergraduates. The undergraduates are being asked to report to Rector Field House at 9:30 a.m.
- A request was made by a member of University Council to consider leaving the stadium woods as they are. The person stated that if the stadium woods are removed, there will be a severe public relations debacle.

## **7. Budget Update**

Mr. Dwight Shelton indicated that the General Assembly met and approved a budget on April 18, 2012. The Governor has an opportunity to suggest amendments which will probably occur before May 14. The General Assembly will reconvene again to consider the Governor's amendments. Higher Education received approximately \$110-\$120 million a year.

- The university ended up with approximately \$4 million worth of new general fund money from the State which included \$600,000 that is earmarked for specific programs. That leaves approximately \$3.4 million of flexible money.
- The university did receive some money for planning projects.
- There is a 3% bonus for all university employees that will occur on December 1, 2012, as long as revenue projections are met.
- There will be a 2% salary increase that will be effective July 10, 2013.

- There were some modifications to the retirement programs for those who are in the VRS.
- There is a new retirement plan effective in 2014 for incoming employees to the university.
- The university received some money for student financial aid, for equipment trust fund money, for renovations funding, and for the unique military activities.
- HC229 received \$500,000 in new resources starting in 2013.

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m.