

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2013

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 4, 2013** 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 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. **Old Business** Dr. Charles Steger

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Diane Zahm
Resolution 2012-13F
Resolution to Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies

5. **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.

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Commission on Student Affairs
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Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
February 25, 2013

6. **Adjournment** Dr. Charles Steger

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Present: Charles Steger (presiding), Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, William Lewis, Mark McNamee, Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Tom Ewing for Sue Ott Rowlands, Tom Brown for Patricia Perillo, Jennifer Hodgson for Gerhardt Schurig, Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Mike Akers, Linda Bucy, Dan Cook, Carlyle Brewster for Christine Fiori, Mayuresh Patil, Yannis Stivachtis, Diane Zahm, Charlene Eska, Bruce Pencek, Helene Renard, Eugene Brown, Dave Dugas, William Huckle, Sam Riley, Jane Robertson, Judy Alford, Darla Chudzik, Jen Mirabella, Wyatt Sasser, Karisa Moore, Karen Poff, Leighton Vila, Lester Schonberger for Dustin Dorph, Anjelica Smith, Paige Waltz, Robyn Jones, Sarah Karpanty, Nicholas Onopa,

Absent Karen DePauw, Jerry Niles (with notice), Laura Rugless (with notice), Tyler Walters, Christopher Atkins, Maxine Lyons, Joe Merola, Scott Nelson, Susanna Rinehart (with notice), Deborah Smith, Mike Denbow, Debra Salbador, Eric Wiseman, Teresa Lyons, Melissa Means, Amy Tunison, Nicole DaDamio, Lauren Heming, Jacqueline Nottingham, Patricia Smith, Patrick Tomlin, Shaimaa Abdallah, Elaine Mathis, Luke Hodge, Austin Larrowe, Adam Smith, Sue Teel (with notice)

Guests: Randy Collins, Jack Finney, Natalie Hart, Allison Knox, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Steve Prisley, Randolph Wynne

Dr. Steger 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 4, 2013

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 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 first reading. The Major in Environmental Informatics is a new major that will fall under the Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Wildlife in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

4. Old Business

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13F

Resolution to Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies

Dr. Diane Zahm presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

5. Announcements

Dr. Steger asked Mr. Dwight Shelton to give a financial summary from the General Assembly. Mr. Shelton indicated that the university overall received \$6 million in the base budget and \$2 million in equipment trust fund money.

Some highlights of the \$6 million are:

- \$2.7 million for the instructional budget
- \$600 thousand for the UMA (Corps of Cadets)
- \$800 thousand for student financial aid
- \$900 for 229.

There will be a 3 percent salary increase for faculty beginning July 25, 2013. There will be a 2 percent salary increase for classified and university staff plus a compression adjustment that applies to staff who have been employed for 5 or more years. The compression adjustment will be \$65 for every year employed up to 30 years. The salary increases are contingent upon the State of Virginia revenue meeting certain targets. There was a \$49 million capital project approved for the undergraduate classroom building.

Dr. Steger offered congratulations to Dr. Daniel Wubah who has accepted a position at Washington and Lee as the Provost.

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7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 p.m.