

**University Council Minutes**  
**December 5, 2016**  
**3:00 PM**  
**1045 Pamplin Hall**

**Present:** Tim Sands (presiding), Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Karl Markgraf for Guru Ghosh, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Martin Daniel for Theresa Mayer, Brenda Van Gelder for Scott Midkiff, Gary Long for Sally Morton, Kim O'Rourke, Julie Shumaker for Charles Phlegar, Thanassis Rikakis, Patricia Perillo, Savita Sharma for Dwight Shelton, Elizabeth Spiller, Robert Sumichrast, Jack Lesko for Don Taylor, Tyler Walters, Angela Kates for Sherwood Wilson, Richard Ashley, Andrew Peck for Matthew Chan, Dave Close, Benjamin Corl, Mary Beth Dunkenberger, Sally Paulson, Robert Sebek, Dean Stauffer, Ross Verbrugge, Susan Anderson, Rami Dalloul, David Tegarden for Joe Merola, Corinne Noirot, Christopher Beattie, David Dillard, Tom Inzana, Lisa Kennedy, Christopher Zobel, Robin Lawson, Sue Teel, Annette Bailey, John Massey, Lynn Byrd for Sandra Muse, Glenda Scales, Rex Willis, Montasir Abbas, Gabe Cohen, Alex Parrish, & Tara Reel

**Absent:** Cyril Clarke (absent with notice), Michael Friedlander (with notice), Steve McKnight, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Paul Winistorfer, Hans Robinson, Bryan Brown, Anita Puckett, Jennifer Brill, Kathrine Carter, Paul Herr, Nathan King, Judy Alford (with notice), Tracey Drowne, Teresa Lyons, Lynn Short, Tom Tucker, Nicole Johnson, Chelsea Corkins (with notice), Brett Netto, Perston Huennekens, & Julia Billingsley

**Guests:** Erik Ervin, Jack Finney, Rachel Gabriele, Mary Kasarda, Chris Kiwus, April Myers, Jason Soileau, & Pamela VandeVord

Dr. Sands 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 November 28, 2016**

Dr. Sands 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. Presentation**

Mr. Jason Soileau gave a presentation on the University Master Plan (attached).

**4. Old Business**

**Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CGSP 2016-17E

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CUSP 2016-17C

Resolution for the Establishment of a School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech (Deferred at the meeting of University Council on November 14, 2016)

Dr. Sally Paulson presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. Dr. Rikakis had a meeting with the college deans on December 1, 2016, to discuss this resolution. There was an agreement to add the last whereas clause to the resolution.

A friendly amendment was made to correct a grammatical error in the fifth whereas clause. The word "collaboration" was omitted after the word "interdisciplinary."

A vote was taken and the motion to approve the resolution passed.

### **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CUSP 2016-17D

Resolution to Establish a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering

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

### **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 Outreach and International Affairs  
October 27, 2016

### **6. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m.