

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT  
MEETING  
March 18, 2021  
Videoconference (via Zoom)**

**Present:** Judy Alford, John Benner (Chair), Michael Borowski, William Dougherty *for Scott Midkiff*, Martha Glass, Kristie Caddick *for Charles Phlegar*, Jon Clark Teglas *for Chris Kiwus*, Jeff Earley, Polly Middleton, Debbie Greer *for Ken Miller*, Phil Miskovic, Connie Stovall, Robert Sumichrast,

**Absent with Notice:** Bradley Klein, Ryan Speer

**Absent:** Patrick Pithua

**Guests:** Denny Cochrane, Susan Duncan, Alisha Ebert, Christina King, April Myers

**Recorder:** Teresa Thompson

**1. Welcome and Roll Call**

Commission Chair, John Benner, called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.; initiated introductions and roll call. A quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Proper motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the March 2021 agenda.

**3. Approval of the February 2021 meeting minutes**

Chair Benner 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>).

**4. Old Business**

No old business for discussion.

**5. New Business**

Dr. Susan Duncan, Associate Director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station provided her presentation on the CALS SmartFarm Innovation Network/Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture which is attached and incorporated herein as part of the minutes.

**6. Updates from Committee Representatives**

Campus Development Committee – Christina King reported committee has nothing new to report.

Energy and Sustainability Committee – Denny Cochrane reported the committee met on January 25, 2021; no new minutes for Commission review to date; work continues with the process and recommendation for 2020 Climate Action Commitment Resolution that will be presented at the March 2021 Board of Visitors meeting for approval; they initiated Virginia Tech's 5<sup>th</sup> STARS submission on February 18 and awaiting review; Green RFP update: 18 student proposals have been prioritized; Earth Week (April 18-24, 2021) update; coordination efforts are ongoing to finalize the schedule of events. Look for announcements in the near future.

IT Services and Systems Committee – William Dougherty shared that Google services will be implementing changes with G Suite by spring/fall; meetings are ongoing and he will share updates from those discussions and way ahead as this develops. Virginia Tech's license with Qualtrics will expire May 2021. They are looking into options for the university and additional information will be shared in the near future.

Transportation and Parking Committee – Nothing new to report.

## **7. Acceptance of Committee Minutes**

Campus Development Committee – no new minutes submitted to the Commission.

Energy and Sustainability Committee – January 25, 2021 minutes approved by the Commission.

IT Services and Systems Committee – IT Services and Systems March 5, 2021 minutes approved by the Commission.

Transportation and Parking Committee – February 3, 2021 minutes were received and shared for information purposes. Since no representatives for the committee could attend this meeting, the Commission will review and vote on them at the April meeting.

## **8. Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting date April 15, 2021 and will include a presentation by John Ignosh, Specialist with Biological Systems Engineering and Virginia Cooperative Extension, on Virginia Cooperative Extension programs on solar projects and programs.

## **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, proper motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Thompson