Present: Monty Abbas (presiding), Lisa Becksford, Nancy Bradley, Carolyn Commer, Zai Cook, Robert Emmett, Tom Ewing, Chip Frazier, Charly Hartle, Rachel Holloway, Renee LeClair, Sattar Mansi, Rose McGroarty, Monica Ponder, Aimée Surprenant, Jerald Walz, and Scott Weimer

Absent with Notice: Coy Allen, Paul Emmons, Kwok Tsang, Tyler Walters

Absent: Jacob Curry, Christina DiMarino, Tarisa Ross

Guests: Janice Austin, France Belanger, Kevin Edgar, Monika Gibson, April Goode, Barbara Hoopes, Bill Huckle, Madison Hulver, Xiaoyan Ma, Carrie Mayer, April Myers, Lauren Pollard, Lauren Surface, Emily Tirrell

Monty called the meeting to order at 3:35. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Approval of or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of October 4, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 4, 2023 minutes.

3. New Business-Revised Center Policies-Laurel Miner

* Laurel’s slides are posed on Share Point.
* New center establishment language (centers have different names, cost share normal)
* Name of the center needs to be consistent
* Need to define who center reports to, who is the administration
* 7 institutes (all report to VP)

New Business-Beyond Boundaries Vision-Strategic Affairs

*Slides are posted on Share Point.
*Member asked can we have modules instead of whole course.
*Undergraduate certificate programs helps students prepare for a career
*Need less bureaucracy (How can we streamline it?)
*SSD is underfunded (faculty is being very creative)
*Where are the burdens? What does education look like in 2050? How do we make education a part of their lives?

4. Acceptance and Posting of Committee Reports and/or Minutes

- Graduate Student Appeals Committee- Aimée Surprenant

No current appeals

- DAP- Coy Allen

No update
• **Ad Hoc Masters**-Barbara Hoopes

*Full committee report can be found on Share Point.

• **Graduate School Updates**-Aimée Surprenant

*Met with IGEP programs to get past, present, and future of programs. This fits the top 100 piece.

* There is a working group for IOR (Instructor of Record) policies/procedures/reports. Member asked who has the largest amount of IORS? ASPECT, Math, English, Psychology, STS, STATS, Education, Writing. The charge looks at holistic description of what IOR is vs. Teaching Assistants. There should be a process to get students information and support and feedback and written documentation for CV.

*The Dean thanked Barbara Hoopes for her work on the ad hoc committee.

• **Constituency Updates**-Monty Abbas

a. **Graduate and Professional Student Senate**—Rachel Maizel
No update

b. **Graduate Student Honor System**—Rose McGroarty
*There have been 3 panelist training sessions.

c. **University Library Committee**—Lisa Becksford
No update

d. **Faculty Senate**—Carolyn Commer and Jerald Walz
*Post-docs are not represented in FS…trying to determine where they can best fit.

e. **Undergraduate Student Senate**—Jacob Curry
No update

f. **Board of Visitors**—Emily Tirrell
*November 5th is the next meeting. BOV materials are available on their website: [www.bov.vt.edu](http://www.bov.vt.edu).

g. **AP Faculty Senate**—Rob Emmett
No update

• **University Council and Commission Updates**—Monty Abbas

a. **University Council** —Monty Abbas

b. **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**—Rachel Holloway
* Working on a report on restrictions and guidance for every undergraduate major. The program is called Curricular Analytics.

5. **Adjournment**- Monty Abbas

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:00.