

University Council Minutes
February 20, 2023
3:30 PM

Creativity and Innovation District Building Multipurpose Library (104)

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), April Myers, Kim O'Rourke, Amy Sebring, Randy Heflin for Daniel Sui, Bryan Garey, Menah Pratt, James Bridgeforth for Frances Keene, Rachel Holloway, Tom Thompson for Alan Grant, Daniel Givens, Debra Stoudt for Laura Belmonte, Rosemary Blieszner, Paul Winistorfer, Julia Ross, Robin Russell, Lee Learman, Robert Weiss, Rachel Miles, Robin Queen, Holli Gardner Drewry, Janice Austin, Jennifer Jones, LaTawnya Burleson, Bruce Harper, Caroline Lohr, Ainsley Cragin, Ben Beiter, Chloe Jade Robertson, Noor Tasnim, Carla Finkielstein, Masoud Agah, A.K. Ward Bartlett, Leigh-Anne Krometis, Holly Kindsvater for Daniel Hindman, Evan Lavender-Smith, Virginia Buechner-Maxwell, Azziza Bankole, Jamie McElfresh, Callan Bartel, Nicole Akers, Melissa Faircloth, John Gray Williams, Kelly Oaks, & Jan Helge Bøhn

Absent with notice: Cyril Clarke, Aimée Surprenant, & Serena Young

Absent: Kevin Pitts, Tyler Walters, Paul Knox, Dwayne Edwards, Jamal Ross, Anna Buhle, Nathan King, Lujean Baab, & Shania Clinedinst

Guests: Demetria Somervell, Lori Buchanan, Steve Clark, Kim Daniloski, Sally Shupe, Dee Harris, Kari Evans, Monty Abbas, Kat Nelson, Debbie Greer, Tom Woteki, Dan Taggart, Rachel Gabriele, M. L. Logan, & Lizette Zietsman

Dr. Sands called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 February 6, 2023

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. New Business

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2022-23A

Resolution to Revise the Faculty Handbook Regarding Emeritus or Emerita Designation

Robin Queen presented the resolution for first reading. The goal of this resolution is to clarify some language in the Faculty Handbook as it is currently written as well as to remove some of the more procedural things out of the handbook. This change will help clarify who is eligible for emeritus or emerita status and what the path is to obtain that designation. A suggestion was made to add the executive vice president and chief operating officer as an option for final approval for administrative and professional faculty who do not work in academic affairs in within a college.

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

Resolution CGPSP 2022-23A

Co-operative Education Program Change

Montasir Abbas presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution changes the one-credit-hour allocation for co-op to zero credit hours. This change is being made because the co-op experience is not

monitored by Virginia Tech faculty. There is also an equity-based reason to change the one-credit hour to zero-credit hours because domestic students might engage in co-op programs without telling the Graduate School but international students must tell the Graduate School of their co-op engagements in order to secure off-campus work authorization. This would also align graduate co-op credit with the current undergraduate co-op zero-credit-hour designation on a transcript.

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

Resolution CGPSP 2022-23B

Resolution to Establish a Master of Science Degree in Applied Data Science

Montasir Abbas presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will establish a Master of Science degree in Applied Data Science. This degree combines methods, techniques, ideas, and learnings from statistics, computer science, and mathematics. There is currently a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Data Science.

4. Announcement of Approval and Posting of UC Cabinet and 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 Cabinet and Commission minutes is to accept them for filing. University Council Bylaws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- University Council Cabinet
January 23, 2023
February 2, 2023
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
December 2, 2022
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
December 8, 2022
- Commission on Research
November 7, 2022
- Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs
November 10, 2022
December 1, 2022
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
January 23, 2023
- Athletics Committee
January 19, 2023

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m.