

University Council Minutes
November 4, 2024
3:30 p.m.
Zoom

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), April Myers, Cyril Clarke, Amy Sebring, Laurel Miner for Daniel Sui, Bryan Garey, Menah Pratt, Frances Keene, Lori Rose for Kim O'Rourke, Guru Ghosh, Aimée Suprenant, Rachel Holloway, Susan Sumner for Mario Feruzzi, Daniel Givens, Laura Belmonte, Tsai Lu Liu, Julia Ross, Lee Learman, Tyler Walters, Amanda Morris, Natalia Guerrero, Justin Lemkul, Janice Austin, Marlena Lester, Enrique Noyola, LaTawnya Burleson, Callan Bartel, Kari Evans, Kiera Schneiderman, Leslie Orellana, Alex Efrid, Ronnie Mondal, Quiyana Murphy, William Poland, Gary Long, Nicole Pitterson, Jason Malone, Rodney Gaines, Kim Loeffert, Jim Hawdon for Rebecca Hester, Renée LeClair, Holli Gardner Drewry, Serena Young, Amber Robinson, Sally Shupe, Vincent Wang, Donna Westfall-Rudd, Kelly Oaks, Larry Cox, Francisco Carvallo, and Jim Tokuhisa

Absent with Notice: Paul Winistorfer, Saonee Sarker, Rachel Miles, Evan Lavender-Smith, and Rachel Maizel

Absent: Kevin Pitts, Paul Knox, Aarav Parikh, and Ranald Adams

Guests: Ron Fricker, Rachel Gabriele, Debbie Greer, Kyle Johnson, Monique Logan, Anna LoMascolo, Brandy Morse, Kat Nelson, Demetria Somervell, and Lauren Surface

Dr. Sands called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Announcement of Order of the Business

Dr. Sands announced the order of business for the meeting. Items to be placed on the agenda must be submitted to the secretary at least ten days prior to the meeting date. Follow the procedures in Section 2(2) – University Council Bylaws, Article IX, Section 2(2-3).

2. Announcement of review and approval of minutes of October 7, 2024

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>). (Note: The October 21, 2024, meeting was cancelled).

3. New Business

Commission on Faculty Affairs
CFA Resolution 2024-25B
Resolution to Amend the Faculty Handbook Description of Administrative Support for University Distinguished Professors

Justin Lemkul presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution proposes an amendment to section 3.2.3 of the Faculty Handbook, assigning oversight of administrative tasks related to the University Distinguished Professor appointment process to the executive vice president and provost, with management by the vice provost for faculty affairs, under the direction of the university president. This resolution formalizes existing practices in the office of faculty affairs. There is no change to the president's purview to adjust annually the salary of

University Distinguished Professors after consultation with the provost and dean of the relevant college.

4. Announcement of approval and posting of UC Cabinet, Commission, and Committee 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 minutes of the University Council Cabinet, Commissions, and Committees reporting to University Council Cabinet 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
September 30, 2024
October 14, 2024
- Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
September 13, 2024
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
April 19, 2024
September 20, 2024
October 4, 2024
- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs
September 11, 2024
- Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
September 18, 2024
October 2, 2024
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
September 19, 2024
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
September 23, 2024
October 14, 2024
- Athletics Committee
September 12, 2024

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.