

University Council Cabinet Meeting Summary
September 29, 2025
3:30 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall and Zoom

Present: Justin Lemkul (co-chair), Amy Sebring, Menah Pratt, Kim O'Rourke, April Myers, Laura Belmonte, Amanda Morris, Marlena Lester, Amber Hagan, Emma Roshioru, and Pooja Bhagawat

Absent with Notice: Cyril Clarke (co-chair)

Guests: Renée LeClair and Jim Tokuhisa

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda.

2. Announcement of Approval of the September 8, 2025, meeting summary

Dr. Lemkul noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the governance website (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>).

3. Action/Decisions

A motion was made to amend the October 6, 2025, University Council agenda to add an announcement from President Sands on action taken under exigent circumstances. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed. A motion was made to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed on the amended agenda for the October 6, 2025, University Council meeting.

The Cabinet voted to confirm that the following resolution proposals fall within the respective commission's charge:

- CGPSP 2025-26A Resolution Proposal—Resolution updating the Withdrawal Policy in the Undergraduate Catalog
- CUSP 2025-26C Resolution Proposal—Resolution to revise Policy 6815 Undergraduate Graduation – The commission will look at possible impact on PPM 109 and PPM 41B.
- CUSP 2025-26D Resolution Proposal – Resolution to revise PPM 107 Midterm Assessment of Undergraduate Students
- CUSP 2025-26E Resolution Proposal – Resolution to update the Undergraduate Course Catalog to have a two-day fall break – The commission will look at possible impact on PPM 228.
- CUSP 2025-26F Resolution Proposal – Resolution to amend Section 2.5 of Policy 6800 on the management of repeated course an undergraduate is allowed where they have received a grade of C minus or lower

- CUSP 2025-26G Resolution Proposal – Resolution to create a university-wide policy on the appropriate use of text messaging for academic purposes – A texting policy has many dimensions, and the commission was encouraged to confer/coordinate with public safety, marketing and communications, admissions, and other units that might be impacted.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m.