University Council Minutes  
March 23, 2020  
3:30 PM  
Meeting via Videoconference

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), Debra Stoudt for Laura Belmonte, Richard Blythe, Cyril Clarke, Greg Daniel, Karen DePauw, Bryan Garey, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Scott Midkiff, Ken Miller, Sally Morton, April Myers, Kelly Oaks, Kim O’Rourke, Julie Farmer for Charles Phlegar, Dwayne Pinkney, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Julia Ross, Robert Sumichrast, Don Taylor, Tyler Walters, Paul Winistorfer, Urs Buehlmann, Greg Fansler, John Hole, Kimberley Homer, Alan Michaels, Kerry Redican, Lori Buchanan for Serena Young, Monty Abbass, Diane Agud, Eric Kaufman, Bettina Koch, Robin Queen, Anthony Wright de Hernandez, Chad Bolding for Daniel Hindman, LaTawnya Burleson, Brandy Morse, Sue Teel, Janice Austin, Conaway Haskins, Inga Haugen, Glenda Scales, Hani Awini, Alexis Hruby, John Ferris, & Tamarah Smith

Absent: Michael Friedlander, Guru Ghosh (with notice), Lee Learman (with notice), Steve McKnight, Frank Shushok, Lisa Wilkes, Jonathan Bradley, Bob Hicok, Collin Shelton, Cayce Myers, Lynn Abbott, David Bieri, Matthew Gabriele, Jia-Qiang He, Chris Lawrence, Mary Marchant (with notice), David Tegarden, Jennifer Earley, Velva Groover, Katrina Loan, Teresa Lyons, Khaled Hassouna, Kase Poling, Caitlyn Stokes, Sharon Stidham, Blake Barnhill, Jayme Bibbins, Conrad Briles, Kaitlyn Cole, Jack Shebat, Adi Sircar, Ryan King, & Madelynn Todd

Guests: Nicole Akers, Rosemary Blieszner, Kevin Edgar, Mike Ellerbrock, Jack Finney, Kari Evans, Rebekah Gunn, Dee Harris, Matt Holt, Elizabeth Hooper, Ellen Plummer, Nadine Sinno, & Chris Yianilos

President Sands called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held entirely electronically for the first time. Dr. Sands took a moment to apprise the members that there is currently no new information to share regarding measures the university is taking regarding the coronavirus pandemic. He then thanked everyone for their flexibility during these extraordinary times.

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 March 2, 2020

President Sands noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance website: https://governance.vt.edu

3. Old Business

Note: A new electronic voting process was implemented, and all votes were submitted and calculated at the conclusion of old business. Results of each member’s vote have been documented and are attached to the meeting minutes.

Commission on Faculty Affairs- Withdrawn by the Commission on Faculty Affairs
Resolution CFA 2019-20B
Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Promotion and Tenure Guidelines
President Sands announced that resolution CFA 2019-20B has been withdrawn by the Commission on Faculty Affairs and will be re-introduced during the 2020-21 academic year.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**
Resolution CUSP 2019-20H
Resolution to Change Membership to the Athletics Committee

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**
Resolution CUSP 2019-20I
Resolution to Approve New Major, Community Economic Development, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**
Resolution CUSP 2019-20J
Resolution to Approve New Major, Food and Health Systems Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**
Resolution CUSP 2019-20K
Resolution to Approve New Major, Environmental Economics: Management and Policy, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**
Resolution CUSP 2019-20L
Resolution to Approve New Major, International and Trade Development, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**
Resolution CUSP 2019-20M
Resolution to Approve New Major, Arabic, in Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages

Kerry Redican presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.
4. **New Business**

**Commission on Research**
Resolution COR 2019-20A
Resolution on Updates to Policy 13005

Alan Michaels introduced the resolution for first reading. Policy 13005, Centers and Institutes: Establishment, Governance, and Programmatic Oversight has been evaluated by a number of campus stakeholders over the last eighteen months. Largely it is a streamlining of the communication in the policy to make it easier to understand as to what each stakeholder's responsibility is as well as cleaning up some of the language within the policy. A substantive update is streamlining the evaluation process particularly for departmental centers.

5. **Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes**

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web ([https://www.governance.vt.edu](https://www.governance.vt.edu)). Note that the purpose of voting on Commission minutes is to accept them for filing. University Council By-laws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- Commission on Faculty Affairs
  February 21, 2020

- Commission on Research
  December 5, 2019

6. **For Information Only**

Minutes from the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning.
February 20, 2020

7. **Presentation on Federal Affairs and General Assembly Session**

Dwayne Pinkney, Chris Yianilos, and Elizabeth Hooper presented a federal and state legislative update. (presentation attached).

8. **Presentation on the Planning for Virginia Tech’s Sesquicentennial**

Rosemary Blieszner, Co-Chair of the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, presented an update in the planning of Virginia Tech’s sesquicentennial commemoration. (presentation attached).

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 p.m.
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Review of the 2020 Federal Affairs and General Assembly Session

DWAYNE PINKNEY, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER
CHRIS YIANILOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
ELIZABETH HOOPER, DIRECTOR OF STATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

MARCH 23, 2020

DISCRETIONARY BUDGET
(in billions)

FY18 FY19 FY20
$629 $647 $695
$579 $597 $690

Defense Nondefense
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND OUTREACH
(in millions)

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
FY18: $840
FY19: $840
FY20: $865

Federal Work Study
FY18: $1,130
FY19: $1,130
FY20: $1,180

TRIO Programs
FY18: $1,010
FY19: $1,060
FY20: $1,090

MAXIMUM PELL GRANT

FY18: $6,095
FY19: $6,195
FY20: $6,345
General Assembly Legislative Update

Legislation that PASSED included:

- **HB4/SB36**: Authorizes casino gaming in the Commonwealth
- **HB103**: Requires policy on transcript expungement
- **HB510/SB140**: Donor identity exemptions under FOIA
- **HB611**: BOV member training requirements after two years
- **HB896/SB384**: Regulating online sports betting in the Commonwealth
- **HB1547, HB1179**: In-state tuition for DACA students, refugees
- **HB1223**: Annual report on Foundation expenses
- **HB1017**: Establishment of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (VIPA)
- **HB1529**: Policy for acceptance of terms and conditions of Foundation gifts
- **HB395/SB7**: Minimum Wage yearly increases until 2026

Legislation that FAILED to pass included:

- **HB300/SB464**: Compensation and representation for student athletes
- **HB1322/SB99**: Criminal history requirements for admissions applications
- **HB1095/SB895**: Inclusion of pricing structure and discounting in Six-Year Plan
- **SB669**: Dog or cat purpose breeding for offspring
- **HB499**: SCHEV to study and create performance funding formula
- **HB1157**: Student voting member required on BOV
- **HB1584**: SCHEV business advisory committee for degree approval
- **HB803**: Student referendum on activity fee increase
- **SB146**: Student vote and approval on tuition and fees increase
2019-20 State Budget Update

- Environment for 2020 Session
  - Most major revenue sources are ahead of forecasts
  - Continued prioritization on increasing state reserves
  - Spending pressures include updates to K-12 Standards of Quality and growth in Medicaid program
  - Consideration of state debt capacity and the potential impact of a future increase in interest rates

2020-22 VT State Support

Incremental resources proposed by the Governor and approved by the 2020 General Assembly.

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Incremental resources proposed by the Governor and approved by the 2020 General Assembly.

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NGF Resource Requirement:
- University Division (Agency 208) is expected to share approximately 60% of the cost in E&G programs, and 100% of the cost in Auxiliary and Sponsored Programs.
- VCE/AES (Agency 229) is expected to share approximately 5% of the cost in E&G programs.

Other Significant Budget Actions

- **Enrollment Management Flexibility:**
  - Allows growth of nonresident enrollment to support state workforce demands
  - Fall 2018 in-state enrollment level must be maintained
  - Nonresident proportion cannot increase more than one percent per year

- **Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority:**
  - Consolidation of innovation and technology-based economic development initiatives.
  - Absorbs and combine the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) and the Virginia Research Investment Committee (VRIC).
  - Oversees the Commonwealth Center for Advance Manufacturing (CCAM) and the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI).

- **Board of Visitors Training:**
  - Authorizes SCHEV to use on-line training beyond the initial orientation for Board members
Discussion
Planning for Virginia Tech’s Sesquicentennial

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL BRIEFING

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Engaging Campuses, Constituents, and Communities

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VISION

• Beyond Boundaries
• Honoring the past, celebrating the present, propelling us into the future/next 150 years
• Lifting strategic priorities/strategic plan and energizing Boundless Impact
• Themes that could thread across constituencies
• Widespread involvement of faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, friends, and external partners

Timeline

• Planning: Now through Summer 2021
• Launch: Fall 2021, State of the University address
• Events, Programs, Displays: (Campus-wide, University wide)
  Fall 2021, Spring 2022
• Signature Events: (Advancement, Government Relations)
  Spring 2022
• Final Activities and Events: Fall 2022
**Structure**

- **Steering Committee:** Senior administrators and co-chairs

- **Core Team:** Co-chairs, Advancement, University Relations

- **Work Groups:** Academic, Engagement, Projects and Products, Communications, Operations and Events

  - **Members:** Faculty, Staff, Students, and Constituents

- **Intersections:** Colleges, Campuses, Constituencies

**Process**

- **Cross-cutting themes/highlights**

- **Framework** to determine 150th events: Steering committee to working groups

- **Communication and connections**

- **Iterative engagement** with working group chairs

- **Maximum flexibility**

- **Monthly features:** colleges, campuses, and constituencies

- **Activities and events:** planned and funded by college or organization
University Council Members

Contributions to an Impactful Celebration

• Support the vision and direction for the next 150 years.
• Share expertise, offer recommendations for topics, events.
• Develop projects or events with your constituents.
• Encourage participation in activities, share feedback.

Questions and Comments?

• Questions about overview
• Topics we did not address
• Suggestions/ideas to consider

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