

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2009
Burruss Hall, Room 325**

PRESENT:

Members: Bradley Scott, Chair, Leslie O'Brien, Michael Evans, Richard Stratton, James Arthur, Angelo Colon, Angela Hayes (for Betsy Flanagan), Sherwood Wilson, Mike Coleman, Tom Tillar, Pat Rodgers (for Erv Blythe), Christopher Parmeter

Guests: Professor John Randolph, Denny Cochrane, Angela DeSoto, Linda Woodard

Recorder: Vickie Chiocca, Administrative Assistant

1. Approval of Agenda

Bradley Scott called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

2. Announcement of approval of January 15, 2009 minutes

B. Scott noted the minutes from were approved by electronic vote.

3. New Business

M. Coleman introduced Professor John Randolph who then reviewed the Executive Summary of the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment and Sustainability Plan (VTCAC&SP) and presented the VTCAC Resolution for first reading.

VTCAC & SP consists of a 100-page report that focuses on six different areas of interest. Both the plan and resolution (a short two-page commitment) are being brought for approval before the commission.

The plan has three objectives: 1. A VTCAC specific to the university, 2. an action plan to achieve the goals of the commitment, and 3. A plan to enhance VT's sustainability programs and culture.

B. Scott asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be faculty representative to the Transportation and Parking committee. Pat Rodgers will continue to represent CUS in the meantime. As future business B. Scott wants to consider changing to "any member" instead of just faculty member for representation. B. Scott noted he is working with the faculty senate on floater terms for CUS.

4. Old Business

The University Council unanimously passed Resolution 2008-2009B to amend smoking policy 1010. President Steger asked that the Commission revisit the “25 ft. distance” to make certain it is in keeping with Executive Order 41. This was done.

S. Wilson noted that implantation of the amended policy won't happen overnight since there are limitations with placement of ash urns and ash urns are costly, so not able to have everywhere. In some locations there is no simple answer to placement and some existing ash urns will need to be moved. S. Wilson has asked the University Architect to develop a plan for smoking urn locations.

It was mentioned that someone may want to contact East Tennessee State University on how they implemented 40 ft. distance. B. Scott said he would check their web site.

5. Acceptance of Committee Minutes

The committee minutes were accepted for filing

Energy and Sustainability Committee Minutes
December 11, 2008

Building Committee Minutes
December 4, 2008

6. Announcements

B. Scott announced that next meeting will take place March 19, 2009. There will be no meeting on April 16, 2009 so he requested the members bring open dates with them to the next meeting.

Contact Prof. John Randolph and/or Denny Cochrane with any questions regarding the VTCAC & SP.

7. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chiocca