

University Council Minutes
May 7, 2018
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), Rosemary Blieszner, Richard Blythe, Cyril Clarke, Greg Daniel, Karen DePauw, Guru Ghosh, Alan Grant, Scott Midkiff, Robin Panneton for Sally Morton, April Myers, Mike Kutnak for Kelly Oaks, Kim O'Rourke, Robin Jones for Patty Perillo, Julie Farmer for Charles Phlegar, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Julia Ross, Dwight Shelton, Robert Sumichrast, Tyler Walters, Martin Daniel for Lisa Wilkes, Kayla Smith for Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Richard Ashley, Janice Austin, Jan Helge Bøhn, Kevin Edgar, Jack Finney for John Ferris, Deyu Hu, Jen Irish, Chris Saunders, Lori Buchanan for Tammie Smith, Dean Stauffer, Monty Abbas, Diane Agud, Kelli Karcher for Susan Anderson, Eric Kaufman, Lynn Abbott, Matthew Gabriele, Tom Inzana, Mary Marchant, Christopher Zobel, Judy Alford, Sue Teel for Tracey Drowne, Annette Bailey, Jeannie Layton-Dudding, Erin Poff, John Massey, Adrienne Young for Glenda Scales, Ginai Seabron, Christine Tysor, Adwoa Baah-Dwomoh, Andre Stevenson, Sam Felber, Mady Moore, Savannah Nelson, Brett Netto, Seyi Olusina, & Hans Robinson

Absent: Michael Friedlander, Theresa Mayer, Steve McKnight, Bryan Brown, Bob Hicok, Anita Puckett, David Tegarden, Chris Lawrence, Yan Jiao, LaTawnya Burleson, Brian Huddleston, Katrina Loan, Teresa Lyons, Michele Waters, Alexandra Hyler, Rex Willis, & Robert Sebek

Guests: Kai Baisden, Tom Bluestein, Doris Brown, Jason Chavez, Sam Cook, Shoa Deese, Melissa Faircloth, Nathalie Groot, Moe Hey, Rachel Holloway, Kimberly Homer, Bill Huckle, Isaiah Johnson, Qualla Ketchum, Erin Lavender-Stott, Jordon Lozoma, Prateek Mishra, Alexa Parsley, Ellen Plummer, Marcy Schnitzer, Catherine Setaro, Christina Shammass, Rick Sparks, Caylin Stewart, Nizhoni Tallas, Aizlinn Tyrie, Stacey Wilkerson, & Amariah Williams

Dr. Sands called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Moment of Silence for President Emeritus Dr. Charles Steger who passed away May 6, 2018

After the moment of silence, Dr. Sands mentioned some of Dr. Steger's accomplishments while he was president at Virginia Tech. Dr. Sands stated that Dr. Steger's term was characterized by several really bold moves that he himself would not take on lightly or even pursue. These bold moves have shaped Virginia Tech that we know now.

3. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 16, 2018

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>).

4. Old Business

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Resolution CEOD 2017-18A

Resolution to Modify Caucus Criteria for Representation on the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Dr. Deyu Hu presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Resolution CEOD 2017-18B

Resolution to Modify the Membership of the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOD)

Dr. Deyu Hu presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. There were two small revisions made to the resolution after the first reading. The first revision was to add "Organizations and Caucuses" as a category for one section of the membership in order to differentiate this group from the ex officio members. The second revision was to add back the third at-large-member and specify that the at-large members will consist of one undergraduate student representative, one graduate student representative, and one faculty/staff representative. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2017-18A

Resolution to Incorporate an Inclusion and Diversity Education Component into Graduate Education

Dr. Kevin Edgar presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. A friendly amendment was made to change the "Therefore Be It Resolved," statement to read as follows: "that all degree seeking graduate students (with the exception of professional students in DVM and MD unless also pursuing a graduate degree simultaneously)..." in order to clarify that the requirement would apply only to degree-seeking students. After the first reading there was feedback given with concerns regarding the time it will take for faculty to implement and deliver this component. The appendix has been modified to specify courses and workshops that the Graduate School offers that can fulfill this requirement if the department does not wish to design their own course. A vote was taken and the resolution passed, as amended.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CEOD 2017-18C

Resolution to Revise the Graduate Honor System Constitution

Dr. Kevin Edgar presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

4. New Business

Note: University Council By-laws state that University Council may approve a request for first reading and action on a resolution at its last meeting of the academic year by a vote of three-fourths of the membership present.

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2017-18A

Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Section 3.2.2: Alumni Distinguished Professors

Dr. Jack Finney first made a motion for first reading and action (commonly referred to as "waiver of first reading"). The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion for action passed. A motion was then made by Dr. Finney to approve the resolution itself. The current Alumni Distinguished Professors (ADP) definition and selection criteria are too restrictive and may curtail the diversity of candidates that Virginia Tech might wish to put in an ADP position. This began a workgroup of current ADPs that looked at the entire description of ADPs and this resolution is the final product of that workgroup. The general shift is toward

contributions made to a global land grant university. The motion to approve the resolution was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2017-18U

Resolution to Approve New Major, Nanomedicine, in Bachelor of Science in Nanoscience

Dr. Dean Stauffer first made a motion for first reading and action (commonly referred to as “waiver of first reading”). The motion was seconded, and the motion passed. A motion was then made by Dr. Stauffer to approve the resolution itself. This is a relatively new degree that currently has a major in Nanoscience. Nanomedicine will be the second major within the Nanoscience degree. Having this major will continue to put Virginia Tech in the forefront of the Nanoscience arena. This major will be a precursor to medical school. The motion to approve the resolution was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2017-18V

Resolution to Amend Implementation for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Extend Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee

Dr. Dean Stauffer first made a motion for first reading and action (commonly referred to as “waiver of first reading”). The motion was seconded, and the motion passed. A motion was then made by Dr. Stauffer to approve the resolution itself. An ad hoc review committee was established to last two years to review Pathways courses coming forward. It is anticipated that there will be an additional 50 new proposals for Pathways that will need to be reviewed. This resolution will extend the ad hoc committee from two to three years in order to handle the additional 50 proposals. There is a process in place to review new proposals after the initial wave of proposals have been reviewed. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

University Council

Resolution UC 2017-18C

Resolution to Observe Indigenous People’s Day

As an individual member of University Council (not representing a commission), Dr. Deyu Hu first made a motion for first reading and action (commonly referred to as “waiver of first reading”). The motion was seconded. Virginia Tech is a land grant institution and the land that Virginia Tech sits on used to belong to the Native Americans. Until 1963, Native Americans were discouraged from obtaining public education. There are currently 48 Native American students at Virginia Tech, and 14 Indigenous communities are represented. This resolution will help to cultivate a positive and welcoming environment for Indigenous students by designating the second Monday of October (which coincides with Columbus Day) every year as Indigenous People’s Day at Virginia Tech. Dr. Cyril Clarke indicated that he was in support of the intention of the resolution, but he feels more time and consideration is needed for appropriate review and discussion of this issue and for that reason the waiving of the first reading is not appropriate at this time. Unlike the previous three resolutions for which a waiver of first reading was approved, this resolution was not brought through a commission so the request has not been through the full shared governance process. Dr. Hu indicated that the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity met earlier in the day and is in support of this resolution. After lengthy discussion regarding this resolution and concerns about process, a vote was taken on the waiver of the first reading and the vote was defeated with only six members voting in favor of the waiver of the first reading. President Sands will issue a Presidential Policy Memorandum to recognize Indigenous People’s Day at Virginia Tech on October 8, 2018. This will allow a new resolution to be brought forward next year through the regular shared governance process with ample time for review and discussion of the proposal for an annual recognition of Indigenous People’s Day.

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6. Presentation

Mr. Dwight Shelton, Mr. Chris Yianilos, & Ms. Elizabeth Hooper presented a federal and state legislative update (attached).

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting 4:45 p.m.

Review of 2018 Legislative Session

May 7, 2018

CHRIS YIANILOS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

ELIZABETH HOOPER

DIRECTOR OF STATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

DWIGHT SHELTON

INTERIM SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION, VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND CFO

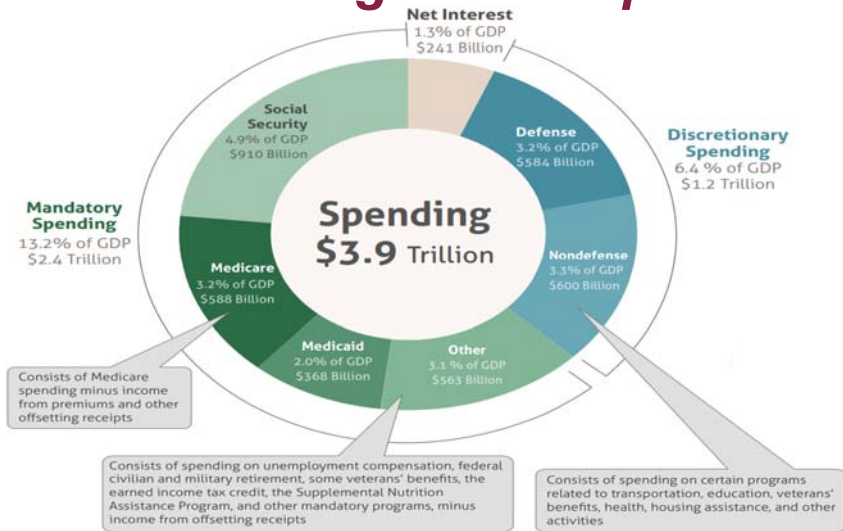


Overview

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- 2018-20 State Budget Update
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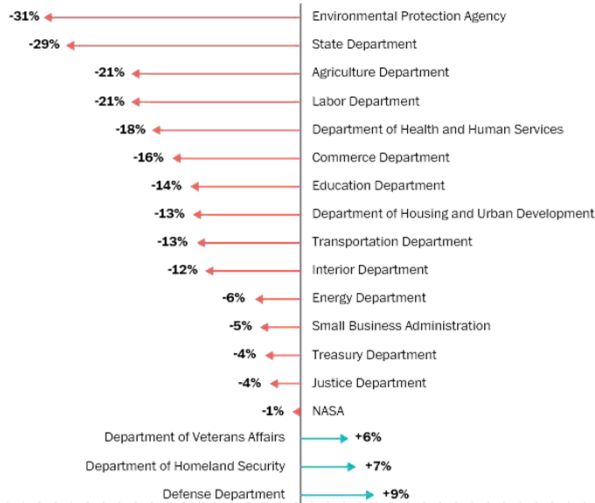


Federal Legislative Update



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Federal Agencies Affected by the Administration's Proposed Budget



General Assembly Legislative Update

Legislation that FAILED TO PASS included:

- Student Housing (HB658) – prohibited requiring students, outside of ROTC, to live on-campus
- Higher Education Funding (HB982) – re-based state funding around a new (yet undefined) set of performance metrics.
- Restructuring Review (HJ80) – called for a JLARC review of Level III management agreements
- Public Comment (HB1473/SB824) – required opportunity for public comment prior to any governing board vote on tuition and fee increases.
- Tuition Cap Legislation – several bills would have limited institutional authority to set tuition rates:
 - Four-year ‘class cap’ on tuition increases for each incoming cohort
 - Capping increases at various indices like the CPI or National Average Wage Index.
 - Required discounts for first responders, in-state tuition for National Guard
 - Legislation impacting pricing will be studied by the Joint Subcommittee on the Future Competitiveness of Higher Education prior to the 2019 session.



General Assembly Legislative Update

Legislation that PASSED included:

- Student Directory Information (HB1/SB512) – Places requirements around the release of student directory information.
- Dual Enrollment (HB3) – requires SCHEV and each public institution to establish:
 - Quality standards for dual enrollment courses.
 - Process to certify these courses as universal transfer courses that satisfy requirements at any public institution.
- Campus Free Speech (HB344) – Requires the institution to develop policies and materials related to campus free speech, annually report on such policies, and make the Commonwealth aware of free speech complaints filed in court.
- Open Educational Resources (HB454) – Directs the Board of Visitors to develop guidelines for the adoption and use of low-cost and no-cost Open Educational Resources.
- Substance Abuse Advisory Committee (HB852/SB120) – Creates statewide Advisory Committee to develop strategic plan for substance use education, prevention, and intervention at Virginia’s institutions of higher education.
- 911 Regional Authority (HB1500/SB821) – Virginia Tech and three participating localities may develop funding formula based on usage data.
- Cat and Dog Category E Research (SB28) – Prevents the Commonwealth from funding any medically unnecessary category E research using cats or dogs.
- Student Loan Information (SB568) – Requires institutions to provide estimated loan repayment amounts to students each year



2018-20 State Budget Update

September 2017

- Governor provided opportunity for limited agency operating budget requests
- University submitted the 2018-24 Six-year Capital Plan
- University submitted nine requests for consideration in Governor's Executive Budget

December 2017

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Executive Budget Results: <i>dollars in millions</i>		
▪ Restoration of Restructuring-related Financial Benefits <i>(E&G Interest Earnings and Credit Card Purchase Rebate)</i>	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7
▪ Undergraduate Student Financial Aid Increase	0.5	1.6
▪ Maintenance Reserve funding Increase	3.9	3.9



2018-20 State Budget Update

- Environment:
 - The economic climate in the state has steadily improved. There was cautious optimism that the state would outperform revenue estimates.
 - Continued uncertainty due to federal budget and impact of federal tax reform on state revenue.
 - S&P gave Virginia a “negative outlook” due to lack of reserve and structural imbalance
- University Budget Amendments to House and Senate:
 - Enrollment Growth
 - Research – Health/Life Sciences, Cybersecurity, Decision Sciences and Data Analytics, Autonomous Systems
 - Unique Military Activities Support
 - Agriculture & Natural Resources Industry Initiative (Agency 229)
 - VTCRI Biosciences Addition – Equipment and Furnishings
 - Planning for the Data Analytics and Decision Sciences Building
 - Planning for the Randolph Hall Renovation/Replacement



2018-20 State Budget Update Executive and Money Committees' Budgets

Incremental General Fund - dollars in millions

	Executive		House		Senate	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
University Division E&G (Agency 208)						
Enrollment Growth	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.6	\$ 5.2	\$ -	\$ -
Restoration of Interest Earnings/CC Rebate	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
<i>Subtotal University Division E&G</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Undergraduate Student Financial Aid	0.5	1.6	0.5	1.6	0.2	0.8
Unique Military Activities	-	-	0.3	0.3	-	-
Maintenance Reserve Support	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Total University Division	\$ 5.1	\$ 6.2	\$ 8.0	\$ 11.7	\$ 4.8	\$ 5.4

Totals exclude technical adjustments for current year costs totaling \$6.7 million, which are required to bring the university budget into alignment with the state as of July 1, 2018, and are not new resources. Totals also exclude state funding for proposed compensation and benefit adjustments in the new biennium.



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VCE/VAES Division E&G (Agency 229)						
Operation & Maintenance of New Facilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.5	\$ -	\$ -
Soil Scientist Assistance Program	-	-	0.2	0.2	-	-
Total VCE/VAES Division	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$ -	\$ -

Totals exclude technical adjustments for current year costs totaling \$2.1 million, which are required to bring the university budget into alignment with the state as of July 1, 2018, and are not new resources. Totals also exclude state funding for proposed compensation and benefit adjustments in the new biennium.



2018-20 State Budget Update

Compensation & Benefits Summary

	Executive	House	Senate
Faculty Salaries	2% increase, December 1, 2019	2% increase, June 10, 2019	2% increase, June 10, 2019 <i>Contingent upon FY19 state revenues</i>
Staff Salaries	2% increase, December 1, 2019	3% increase, June 10, 2019	2% increase, June 10, 2019 <i>Contingent upon FY19 state revenues</i>
Health Insurance	Employee share of increase funded by state/university	No change to traditional employee/employer share of increase.	Employee share of increase funded by state/university

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.
- CE/AES (Agency 229) is expected to share approximately 5% of the cost in E&G programs.



2018-20 State Budget Update

Capital Projects Funding Summary

Proposed General Fund Support – dollars in millions

	Executive	House	Senate
Replace Hampton Roads AREC	-	Funded*	-
VTCRI Biosciences Addition – Equipment and Furnishings	-	\$ 6.1	\$ 6.1

*Project included in construction pool in House Budget. Funding amount is not yet known.



2018-20 State Budget Update

Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CyberX)

- **House Budget** – provides \$50 million to develop an engine for research, innovation, and commercialization of cybersecurity technologies.
 - Virginia Tech would serve as the anchoring institution, or “Hub”, in Northern Virginia.
 - Institutions throughout the Commonwealth would participate as “Spokes”.
 - Goal to attract investment and grow talent pipeline in cyber workforce.
 - Proximity is crucial for developing knowledge clusters and innovation ecosystems
 - Facilitates collaboration between students, researchers, and firms to translate ideas into new products and services.



New Partnership Proposal and VBHEC* Outcomes Agreement Proposal

- **House Budget** – would direct the Joint Subcommittee on the Future Competitiveness of Higher Education in Virginia to identify policies and processes to align institutional programs and activities with strategic economic goals of the Commonwealth.
 - Focus on retaining human capital through internships, work-study, and other experiential learning opportunities
 - Language also directs the Joint Subcommittee to evaluate policies and practices related to affordability
- **Senate Budget** – would direct the Joint Subcommittee to develop individual outcome agreements with Level III institutions on goals, initiatives, and mutual expectations to advance strategic objectives of the Commonwealth.
 - Provides authority to Op-Six group to expedite development of pilot outcome agreements in 2018
 - Implementation of pilot agreement would need majority approval from members of the Joint Subcommittee
 - *Could include enhanced enrollment autonomy in exchange for state goal achievement*

*Virginia Business Higher Education Council



2018-20 State Budget Update

Statewide Internship Pilot Program

- **House Budget** – allows use of existing General Fund scholarship allocation for internships.
 - Prioritizes use for students in Data Science & Technology, Science & Engineering, Health Care, and Education
 - Grant must be matched equally with non-state funding (private partner) and/or by institution with private funds
- **Senate Budget** – provides \$400,000 General Fund over biennium for pilot program.
 - Grants awarded on a competitive basis with criteria determined by SCHEV
 - Grant must involve a private sector partner and be matched equally by non-state funding
 - Designed to meet strategic workforce needs of the Commonwealth, support regional economic growth and diversification plans (GO Virginia), stimulate research and commercialization, and enhance job readiness




Timeline

General Assembly Calendar

- Adjourned on March 10th
 - No final budget was passed
- Governor Northam called for an April 11th Special Session for General Assembly to complete work on the state budget
 - House reintroduced budget largely the same as original
 - Senate has yet to act: Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 14



Discussion



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Update from the General Assembly

Mr. Dwight Shelton
Mr. Chris Yianilos
Ms. Elizabeth Hooper

7. **Adjournment**

Dr. Timothy Sands