

**University Council Minutes**  
**October 4, 2010**  
**3:00 PM**  
**1045 Pamplin Hall**

**Present:** Charles Steger (Presiding), Ed Nelson for Richard Benson, Jeb Stewart for Earving Blythe, Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, John Dooley, Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, William Lewis, Mark McNamee, Kim O'Rourke, Debra Stoudt for Sue Ott Rowlands, Gerhardt Schurig, Dwight Shelton, Richard Sorensen, Ed Spencer, Robert Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Jan Helge Bøhn, Kerry Redican for Carolyn Copenheaver, Jesus de la Garza, Ross Edmonds, Frances Keene, Nathan Lavinka, Steve McMullin, Leslie O'Brien, Deborah Smith, Sue Teel, Bryan Cloyd, Susanna Rinehart, Eric Vance, François Elvinger for Marion Ehrich, Bob Sturges, Jean Brickey, Dan Cook, Lori Anne Kirk, Stacey Poertner, Dave Shuster, Christal Bacon, Justin Graves, Karen Poff, Keisha Riley, Patricia Smith, Patrick Tomlin, Amanda Cronin, Michelle McLeese, Mojtaba Taiebat, Scott Bennett, Bo Hart, Emily Wilkinson, Mike Ellerbrock, Deepu George, Maxine Lyons

**Absent** Eileen Hitchingham, Karen Jones, Tom Tillar, Jim Kuypers (with notice), Dini Miller, Joyce Rothschild, Lewis Wasserman, Danny Axsom, Sheila Carter-Tod, Dave Dugas, Tom Hammett, Debra Salvador, David Vaughan, Judy Alford, Teresa Lyons, Wayne Scales, Jeff Chuang, Greer Kelly, Charles Petty, Shane McCarty

**Guests:** Robert Beichner, Jack Finney, Natalie Hart, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Jessica Prince-Sanders, William Pruitt

Dr. Steger 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. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of September 20, 2010**

Dr. Steger 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>).

**3. Old Business**

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CUSP 2010-11A

Resolution to Discontinue Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education

Dr. Steve McMullin presented the resolution for second reading and made of motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**4. Reports and Announcements**

- Bo Hart gave a brief report on the Student Advisory Committee to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). Hart informed the Council that there was a meeting two weeks ago and he brought up the issue that the State of Virginia has reduced funding to Virginia Tech by \$10.7 million over the last two years by not adhering to some aspects of the management agreements signed between the state and the university; the agreements were required by the Higher Education Restructuring Act. This can result in increased tuition and fees.
- Ed Spencer gave an update on the injured cadets. There was an accident involving six cadets en route to an event at Caldwell Fields on October 2.
- Dr. Steger announced that the Governor's Commission on Higher Education will meet on October 12, 2010, to work on recommendations from the various committees.

- Elizabeth Flanagan gave an update on the Campaign for Virginia Tech. The Campaign has stayed ahead of the timeline from the beginning due to a great group of volunteers on the National Campaign Steering Committee and the faculty and staff of Virginia Tech. The Campaign is on track to do better than the \$1 billion goal. There are two more large Campaign kickoffs (Washington, DC and suburban Maryland).
- The Corporate Research Center (CRC) has been named the 2010 Outstanding Research Park by the Association of University Research Parks.

## **6. Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission 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 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 Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs  
September 8, 2010
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
May 3, 2010
- Commission on Faculty Affairs  
September 3, 2010
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
September 1, 2010
- Commission on Student Affairs  
September 16, 2010

## **7. For Information Only**

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning  
September 2, 2010

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m.