

University Council Minutes
December 6, 2010
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Dwight Shelton (Presiding), Richard Benson, Jeb Stewart for Earving Blythe, Lay Nam Chang, Karen DePauw, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, Eileen Hitchingham, William Lewis, Kim O'Rourke, Debra Stoudt for Sue Ott Rowlands, Gerhardt Schurig, Richard Sorensen, Ed Spencer, Tom Tillar, Bill Knocke for Robert Walters, Paul Winistorfer, Jan Helge Bøhn, Kerry Redican for Carolyn Copenheaver, Jesus de la Garza, Ross Edmonds, Jack Finney for Frances Keene, Nathan Lavinka, Leslie O'Brien, Deborah Smith, Sue Teel, Bryan Cloyd, Jim Kuypers, Eric Vance, Danny Axsom, Sheila Carter-Tod, Marion Ehrich, Debra Salvador, Jean Brickey, Dan Cook, Lori Anne Kirk, Dave Shuster, Christal Bacon, Justin Graves, Karen Poff, Patricia Smith, Patrick Tomlin, Amanda Cronin Rumore, Michelle McLeese, Mojtaba Taiebat, Scott Bennett, Jeff Chuang, Bo Hart, Greer Kelly, Charles Petty, Emily Wilkinson, Mike Ellerbrock

Absent Charles Steger (with notice), Jack Davis, John Dooley (with notice), Alan Grant, Karen Jones, Mark McNamee (with notice), Sherwood Wilson, Daniel Wubah (with notice), Steve McMullin, Dini Miller, Susanna Rinehart, Joyce Rothschild, Lewis Wasserman, Dave Dugas, Tom Hammett, Bob Sturges, David Vaughan, Judy Alford (with notice), Teresa Lyons, Stacey Poertner (with notice), Keisha Riley, Wayne Scales, Deepu George, Maxine Lyons, Shane McCarty

Guests: April Myers

Mr. Shelton 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 November 1, 2010

Mr. Shelton 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>). (Note that the meeting scheduled for November 15, 2010, was cancelled.)

3. New Business

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2010-11A

Clarifications to Research Leave Policies

Ms. Deborah Smith presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Smith indicated that this resolution will better define the language in the Faculty Handbook concerning research leave for faculty.

4. Old Business

Commission Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2010-11A

Discontinuation of EdD, PhD, and EdS in Administration and Supervision of Special Education

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

Commission Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2010-11B

Discontinuation of MEd in Health and Physical Education

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

5. 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
October 13, 2010
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
October 11, 2010
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
September 17, 2010
October 29, 2010
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
October 20, 2010
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
September 9, 2010
October 14, 2010
- Commission on Research
September 15, 2010
October 13, 2010
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
October 26, 2010
- Commission on Student Affairs
October 14, 2010
October 28, 2010
November 11, 2010
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
October 11, 2010
October 25, 2010
- Commission on University Support
October 21, 2010

6. For Information Only

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
September 30, 2010

6. Announcements

Mr. Shelton informed the Council that the State of Virginia's executive budget proposal will be presented by the Governor to the General Assembly on December 17, 2010, and it will likely include items that impact higher education. The Governor's intended legislation will include some legislation regarding the initial work of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation, and Investment. Access to the materials from the Higher Education Commission can be found on the Secretary of Education's website. In addition, the Governor made an announcement that it is his intention and desire to make an initial investment in higher education as one of the priorities for his administration. A question was raised as to whether the Governor's proposal will include capital construction projects. Shelton indicated that a work group at the state level has been analyzing the state's debt capacity, and it is anticipated that the Governor will give some signal on December 17, 2010, as to whether some debt capacity may be freed up, which would make it possible for the state to issue debt for capital projects.

Ms. Michelle McLeese announced that the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Assembly will be sending representatives to the General Assembly in January for Hokie Day.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 p.m.