

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2016
3:00 p.m.
1045 Pamplin Hall
AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Dr. Thanassis Rikakis

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 1, 2016 Dr. Thanassis Rikakis

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.

3. New Business Dr. Thanassis Rikakis

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith
Resolution CUSP 2015-16E
Resolution to Approve New Major, International Public Policy, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith
Resolution CUSP 2015-16F
Resolution to Approve New Major, International Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith
Resolution CUSP 2015-16G
Resolution to Approve New Major, National Security and Foreign Affairs, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

4. Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes Dr. Thanassis Rikakis

These minutes have been accepted for filing by electronic vote and will be posted on the University web. 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
January 13, 2016

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
December 7, 2015

Commission on Faculty Affairs
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Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
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February 3, 2016

Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
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Commission on Student Affairs
October 15, 2015
October 29, 2015
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Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
January 25, 2016
February 8, 2016

Commission on University Support
January 21, 2016

5. **For Information Only**

Dr. Thanassis Rikakis

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
January 28, 2016

6. **Adjournment**

Dr. Thanassis Rikakis

University Council Minutes
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Present: Thanassis Rikakis, (presiding), Don Taylor for Richard Benson, Gary Long for Lay Nam Chang, Cyril Clarke, Jack Davis, Guru Ghosh, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Beth Tranter for Theresa Mayer, Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Julie Shumaker for Charles Phlegar, Hunter Gresham for Patricia Perillo, Dwight Shelton, Elizabeth Spiller, Robert Sumichrast, Brian Mathews for Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Montasir Abbas, Jan Helge Bøhn, Gena Chandler-Smith, Edward Lener, Alex Parrish, Susan Volkmar, Randolph Wynne, Susan Anderson, Robert Bush, Corinne Noirot, Joe Hunnings for Kathrine Carter, Rob Parker for David Dillard, Tom Inzana, Paul Herr, Joan Hirt, Lisa Kennedy, Sue Teel, Sally Wieringa, Marwa Abdel Latif, Alphonso Garrett, Michael Martin, Tara Shockley, Rebekah Martin for Tara Reel, Stephen Hensell, Olivia Javornik, Andrew O'Sullivan, Warren Nooger, Rami Dalloul, Mohammed Seyam, Summer Caton for Morgan Sykes

Absent: Tim Sands (with notice), Karen DePauw, Steve McKnight (with notice), Menah Pratt-Clarke (with notice), Andrew Tevington, Jacquelyn Fisher, Saul Halfon, Jennifer Nardine (with notice), Richard Ashley, Joe Merola, Anita Puckett, Susanna Rinehart, Christopher Beattie, Nathan King, Ana Agud (with notice), Judy Alford (with notice), Stacey Poertner, Lynn Short, Tom Tucker, Brett Besag (with notice), Raifu Durodoye (with notice), Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Matthew Chan (with notice), Homero Murzi, Tanushri Shankar, Danny Strock, Dan Cook (with notice),

Guests: Jack Finney, Rachel Gabriele, Hunter Gresham, Rachel Holloway, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Charles Taylor

Dr. Rikakis 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 February 1, 2016

Dr. Rikakis 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. New Business

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

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Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2015-16F

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Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2015-16G

Resolution to Approve New Major, National Security and Foreign Affairs, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the three resolutions for first reading. A question was raised as to why these three new majors are in the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and not in Political Science. Dr. Charles Taylor indicated that in 1967 there was a study conducted of the the International Studies program and the Department of Political Science. These two areas were separate and continued to be separate until approximately three years ago when International Studies became part of Political Science. This created two majors, one in Political Science and one in International Studies, but the two majors overlap in some areas. Dr. Chandler-Smith indicated that these resolutions will consolidate current tracks into majors.

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6. Update from the General Assembly

Mr. Dwight Shelton provided a handout (attached) to accompany an overview of the 2016 General Assembly session he presented.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting 3:26 p.m.

2016 General Assembly Session

As of March 11, 2016

The General Assembly adjourned on March 12, 2016, having passed a budget on to the Governor for final approval. The summary below highlights the impact of this budget proposal on the university. Note that this proposal is not final until the reconvened (“Veto”) session in April. Details of the direct financial impact to the university are attached.

University Operating Budget

- **Access, Affordability, Quality and Increased Degrees:** General Fund of \$5.1 million in the first year and \$7.5 million in the second year for enrollment growth for Virginia undergraduate students, flexible operating support, and to minimize Virginia undergraduate student tuition and fee increases. Language details a process to report tuition increases to General Assembly.
- **Cyber Security Range:** General Fund of \$2 million in each year to develop a training tool to help cyber security majors get hands on experience at combatting cyber attacks. This will be available to all Virginia high schools and colleges.
- **Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station:** Funding to support operations and maintenance of new facilities and pay equity was provided.
- **Other Support:** Incremental support for Unique Military Activities, Student Financial Aid, and the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund were also provided.

Compensation and Benefits

- **3% salary increase:** Pool for T&R and A/P faculty, University Staff, and Classified Staff, effective November 10th, 2016. Funding may be used to fund merit increases as long as those increases do not exceed 3% on average.
- **Health Insurance** is expected to increase by 9.6% in FY17.
- **The Virginia Retirement System (VRS)** deferred contributions have been fully funded, lowering the ongoing rate. This should help shore up the program moving into the future.

Statewide Research Environment

- **Higher Education Research Initiative:** A pool of \$8 million in the first year and \$14 million in the second year is available to attract high-performing researchers. An second pool of \$29 million in the first year is available for lab renovations and enhancements and new equipment. This funding is competitive and requires an institutional match.
- **GO Virginia:** A pool of \$5.5 million in the first year and \$30 million in the second year is available to support competitive region-based collaborative initiatives that drive economic development.

Capital

Projects Included In State Funding Pools	Estimated Total Project Support
Undergraduate Science Laboratory	\$3.7M, Planning
Holden Hall Renovation	\$73.5M, Construction
Central Chiller Plant, Phase II	\$40.0M, Construction
VTCRI Research Expansion (Roanoke)	\$67.7M, Construction
Agency 229: Livestock and Poultry Research Facilities, Phase I	\$22.5M, Construction

2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSED BUDGET

as of March 11, 2016

(\$ in thousands)

	Conference Budget		
	2016-17	2017-18	
Operating Budget			
University Division			
Access, Affordability, Quality and Increased Degrees	\$ 5,133	\$ 7,488	
Cyber Security Test Range	2,000	2,000	
Restoration of Interest Earnings and Credit Card Rebate	400	400	(a)
Technical Adjustments (fringe rate changes, annualization of prior year costs, etc.)	7,332	7,342	
<i>Subtotal University Division Operating</i>	14,865	17,230	
Student Financial Aid			
Virginia Undergraduate Financial Aid	590	0	
Graduate Financial Aid	405	587	
<i>Subtotal Student Financial Aid</i>	995	587	
Unique Military Activities	200	200	
Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund			
Traditional Allocation	481	481	(b)
Research Allocation	962	962	(b)
Unmanned Aircraft Test Range Equipment (one-time allocation)	950	0	
<i>Subtotal Equipment Trust Fund</i>	2,393	1,443	
Subtotal University Division	18,453	19,460	
Virginia Cooperative Extension/AES Division (VCE/VAES)			
Pay Equity for Extension Agents	50	50	
Operations and Maintenance for New Facilities Coming On-line	70	200	
Technical Adjustments (fringe rate changes, annualization of prior year costs, etc.)	2,995	2,996	
Subtotal VCE/VAES	3,115	3,246	
Total Operating Budget State Support	\$ 21,568	\$ 22,706	

(a) Estimated interest earnings.

(b) Amounts represent incremental change to existing 2015-16 Equipment Trust Fund appropriation (new purchasing power). New total amounts are \$10,331,639 in traditional allocation and \$5,240,458 in research allocation.