

University Council Minutes
March 14, 2011
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger, (Presiding), Richard Benson, Jeb Stewart for Earving Blythe, Janet Sanders for Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, John Dooley, Elizabeth Flanagan, Jennifer Hodgson, Karen Jones, Natalie Hart for Kim O'Rourke, Sue Ott Rowlands, Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Richard Sorensen, Rick Ferraro for Ed Spencer, Tom Tillar, Kevin Davy for Robert Walters, Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Carolyn Copenheaver, Jesus de la Garza, Ross Edmonds, Amy Hogan, Nathan Lavinka, Michael Denbow for Steve McMullin, Leslie O'Brien, Deborah Smith, Sue Teel, Bryan Cloyd, Joe Merola, Eric Vance, Danny Axsom, Sheila Carter-Tod, Dave Dugas, Marion Ehrich, Debra Salvador, Bob Sturges, Jean Brickey, Dan Cook, Tom Tucker for Lori Anne Kirk, Teresa Lyons, Dave Shuster, France Belanger, Karen Poff, Patrick Tomlin, Shree Narayanan for Amanda Cronin Rumore, Michelle McLeese, Bo Hart, Charles Petty, Emily Wilkinson, Maxine Lyons

Absent Alan Grant, William Lewis, Mark McNamee, (with notice), Jan Helge Bøhn, Jim Kuypers (with notice), Susanna Rinehart, Joyce Rothschild, Lewis Wasserman, Tom Hammett, David Vaughan, Judy Alford (with notice), Stacey Poertner (with notice), Christal Bacon, Justin Graves (with notice), Wayne Scales, Patricia Smith, Mojtaba Taiebat, Scott Bennett, Jeff Chuang, Greer Kelly, Mike Ellerbrock, Deepu George, Shane McCarty

Guests: Shelia Collins, Ellen Plummer, Kirk Wehner

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 February 21, 2011

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. New Business

Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs

Resolution CSPA 2010-11A

Resolution to Establish a Staff Career Achievement Award

Ms. Sue Teel presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will allow recognition of up to five outstanding staff retirees each year. This resolution has been approved by the Staff Senate and by the Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2010-11B

Pass/Fail Policy Grad Option for Undergraduates (Revised Policy No. 204)

Dr. Mike Denbow presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will facilitate student advising with respect to pass/fail courses. It will allow the total maximum allowable credits for the pass/fail option to be twelve semester hours. There will be less confusion than there is currently with the sliding scale percentage model as the total allowable pass/fail hours is reduced when current students take summer school classes for transfer credit. Currently students can get caught at the end of their program of study with more pass/fail credits taken than is allowed.

3. Old Business

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2010-11C

Resolution for Change in academic Progress Standards as outlined in The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Student Handbook for the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine (VMRCVM)

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

4. 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
February 9, 2011
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
September 13, 2010
November 8, 2010
November 29, 2010
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
February 2, 2011
February 16, 2011
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
February 22, 2011
- Commission on Student Affairs
February 17, 2011
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
February 14, 2011
February 28, 2011
- Commission on University Support
February 17, 2011

6. Report

Update on General Assembly Session

Dr. Steger indicated that both the House and Senate passed the legislation for VRS employees to pay 5 percent to the VRS and receive an increase in compensation of 5 percent for VRS employees. The House and Senate also passed bills to restore the 1.9 percent contribution for the ORP employees with no change in compensation.

7. Adjournment

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