

University Council Minutes
November 1, 2010
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Mark McNamee (Presiding), Richard Benson, Randy Pelt for Earving Blythe, Jack Davis, John Dooley, Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Eileen Hitchingham, William Lewis, Kim O'Rourke, Sue Ott Rowlands, Lisa Wilkes for Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Richard Sorensen, Ed Spencer, Tom Tillar, Robert Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Jan Helge Bøhn, Kerry Redican for Carolyn Copenheaver, Jesus de la Garza, Ross Edmonds, Nathan Lavinka, Steve McMullin, Deborah Smith, Sue Teel, Bryan Cloyd, Jim Kuypers, Eric Vance, Danny Axsom, Sheila Carter-Tod, François Elvinger for Marion Ehrich, Debra Salvador, Bob Sturges, Jean Brickey, Dan Cook, Teresa Lyons, Stacey Poertner, Dave Shuster, Christal Bacon, Justin Graves, Karen Poff, Patricia Smith, Patrick Tomlin, Amanda Cronin, Michelle McLeese, Scott Bennett, Jeff Chuang, Bo Hart, Greer Kelly, Charles Petty, Emily Wilkinson, Mike Ellerbrock, Maxine Lyons

Absent Charles Steger (with notice), Lay Nam Chang, Karen DePauw (with notice), Karen Jones, Gerhardt Schurig, Frances Keene, Leslie O'Brien (with notice), Dini Miller, Susanna Rinehart, Joyce Rothschild, Lewis Wasserman, Dave Dugas, Tom Hammett, David Vaughan, Judy Alford, Lori Anne Kirk, Keisha Riley, Wayne Scales, Mojtaba Taiebat, Deepu George, Shane McCarty

Guests: Jack Finney, Natalie Hart, April Myers, Ellen Plummer

Dr. McNamee 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 October 4, 2010

Dr. McNamee 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 October 18, 2010, was cancelled.)

3. New 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 first reading. Dr. Redican explained that this resolution is discontinuing degrees that are no longer offered. The students currently in these programs will be able to finish the program.

Commission Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CGSP 2010-11B

Discontinuation of MEd in Health and Physical Education

Dr. Kerry Redican presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Redican indicated that this resolution will clean up what is already being implemented.

A motion was made to waive the first reading of these two resolutions in order to vote on them at this meeting. The motion was seconded. It was suggested that waiving the first reading will eliminate an additional meeting

just to vote on two resolutions. It was indicated that waiving first readings should be done with extreme caution and used in special situations. Dr. McNamee stated that it is not typical to waive a first reading because there may be many members of the Council who are reading the resolution for the first time. The motion to waive first reading was defeated. At the next University Council meeting, these resolutions will be brought back for second reading and vote.

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 Graduate Studies and Policies
October 6, 2010
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
September 28, 2010
- Commission on Student Affairs
September 30, 2010
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
September 13, 2010
- Commission on University Support
September 16, 2010

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.