

University Council Minutes
November 1, 2021
3:30 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), April Myers, Cyril Clarke Dwayne Pinkney, Ken Miller, Julie Farmer for Charles Phlegar, Bryan Garey, Scott Midkiff, Susan Short for Guru Ghosh, Kim O'Rourke, Frank Shushok, Michael Friedlander, Daniel Sui, Lance Collins, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Lisa Wilkes, Jon Clark Teglas for Chris Kiwus, Lynsay Belshe, Chris Yianilos, Alan Grant, Daniel Givens, Laura Belmonte, Rosemary Blieszner, Ron Fricker, Julia Ross, Robert Sumichrast, Aimée Surprenant, Kelly Oaks, John Benner, Sean Corcoran, Robert Weiss, Gabby McCollum, Robin Queen, Jeffrey Alwang, Marcía Feuerstein, Janice Austin, Carla Finkielstein, Susan Anderson, France McCarty, Evan Lavender-Smith, Masoud Agah, Diane Agud, A.K. Ward Bartlett, Megan Wawro, Kathy Lu, David Tegarden, Kevin Davy, Paul Morton, Andre Muelenaer, Inga Haugen, Melissa Chase, Holli Gardner Drewry, Karen Eley Sanders, Jennifer Earley, Nicole Akers, Sue Teel, Jenny McCoy, Judy Alford, Alice Fox, Matthew Flores, Nicole Nunoo, Alex Pomeroy, Serena Young, Phil Miskovic, & Paolo Fermin

Absent with notice: Bruce Harper & Tamarah Smith

Absent: Steve McKnight, Paul Winistorfer, Lee Learman, Tyler Walters, LaTawnya Burleson, Ariana Guevara, Laszlo Horvath, David Dugas, Patricia Raun, Amanda Coleman, Amanda Leckner, D'Arrin Calloway, Miles Guth, Sharan Patnik, & Adyan Ati

Guests: Lori Buchanan, Caroline Lohr, Jeremy Brown, Jack Leff, Charlene Casamento, Kim Daniloski, Sally Shupe, Dee Harris, Kari Evans, Rachel Holloway, Debbie Greer, Tara Frank, Luisa Havens Gerardo, Anya Work, Catrice Barnes, Brittany Rasmussen, & Eric Kaufman

Dr. Sands called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present in person or via Zoom.

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, 2021

(Note: The October 18, 2021, meeting was cancelled)

Dr. Sands 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 University Support
Resolution CUS 2021-22A**

Resolution to Change Membership to the Transportation and Parking Committee

John Benner presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution adds an additional member to the Transportation and Parking Committee from the disability community to be selected by the Office of Equity and Accessibility or the Virginia Tech Disability Alliance and Caucus if the Office of Equity and Accessibility is unable to provide a representative. It was suggested that clarification is needed regarding the process that will be followed for selecting this new member and the need to be consistent with the appointment process for members of other committees in the governance system. Kim O'Rourke indicated that typically for each committee member vacancy, the president is provided with two nominations from which he appoints one to the committee. Kelly Oaks indicated that it was her understanding that an earlier version of the proposal was to

add two representatives to the Transportation and Parking Committee, one selected by the Office for Equity and Accessibility and one from the Virginia Tech Disability Alliance and Caucus. Benner responded that this was discussed at the last Commission on University Support meeting before the vote was taken. This resolution will be revised prior to the second reading on November 15, taking the requested changes into consideration.

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 Bylaws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
September 21, 2021
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
September 24, 2021
October 8, 2021
- Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
September 15, 2021
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
September 16, 2021
- Commission on Research
September 9, 2021
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
September 28, 2021
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
September 13, 2021
September 27, 2021

5. Presentation

Dr. Daniel Sui, Vice President for Research and Innovation, gave a presentation (attached) on the history and characteristics of members of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

6. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.