

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2014

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. **Adoption of Agenda** Dr. Charles Steger

2. **Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 7, 2014** Dr. Charles Steger

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

3. **Old Business** Dr. Charles Steger

Commission on Research Dr. Jesus de la Garza
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution to Change Membership of the Commission on Research

Commission on Student Affairs Ms. Kylie Gilbert
Resolution 2013-14A
Printing of Receipts in Dining Facilities

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp
Resolution 2013-14E
Revision to Course Withdrawal Policy ("W" Grade Policy)

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp
Resolution 2013-14F
Resolution for Renaming the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education to the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies – Deferred until May 5, 2014 Dr. Joseph Eifert
Resolution 2013-14B
Enrollment Requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program

4. **New Business** Dr. Charles Steger

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp
Resolution 2013-14G
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp
Resolution 2013-14N
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience

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Resolution to Approve New Major in Public Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

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Resolution to Approve New Major in Multimedia Journalism, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

<p>Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Resolution 2013-14K Resolution to Approve New Major in Communication Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication</p>	<p>Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp</p>
<p>Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity Resolution 2013-14B Resolution to Establish the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week</p>	<p>Dr. Aaron Bond</p>
<p>Commission on Outreach and International Affairs Resolution 2013-14A Resolution Regarding Voluntary Health Disclosure Form for Education Abroad Participants</p>	<p>Dr. Carlyle Brewster</p>
<p>Commission on Student Affairs Resolution 2013-14F Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu) Expansion of Student Conduct Procedures for the University Student Conduct System</p>	<p>Ms. Kylie Gilbert</p>
<p>Commission on Student Affairs Resolution 2013-14B Resolution for Changes to Policy 8220 Security Requirements for Events Sponsored by Student Organizations Clarification of Security Personnel</p>	<p>Ms. Kylie Gilbert</p>
<p>Commission on Student Affairs Resolution 2013-14C Resolution for Changes to Policy 8012 Establishing and Maintaining a University Chartered Student Organization (UCSO) Addition of Staff Support Language</p>	<p>Ms. Kylie Gilbert</p>
<p>Commission on Student Affairs Resolution 2013-14D Resolution for Changes to Policy 8011 Establishing and Maintaining a University Student Life Program (USLP) Addition of Staff Support Language</p>	<p>Ms. Kylie Gilbert</p>
<p>Commission on Student Affairs Resolution 2013-14E Resolution for Title Change to Policy 8005 University Staff Support for Student Programming Organizations</p>	<p>Ms. Kylie Gilbert</p>
<p>Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs Resolution 2013-14A Changes to the Administrative and Professional Faculty Grievance Process</p>	<p>Ms. Jennifer Hundley</p>
<p>Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity Resolution 2013-14A Resolution to Revise Policy 1025, Anti-discrimination and Harassment Prevention</p>	<p>Dr. Aaron Bond</p>

5. **Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes**

Dr. Charles Steger

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 Graduate Studies and Policies

March 5, 2014

March 19, 2014

Commission on Research

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Commission on Student Affairs

March 20, 2014

6. **Adjournment**

Dr. Charles Steger

University Council Minutes
April 21, 2014
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (presiding), Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Cyril Clarke, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Joan Hirt, Anthony Scott for William Lewis, Mark McNamee, Jeb Stewart for Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Patricia Perillo, Laura Rugless, Dwight Shelton, Stephen Skripak for Robert Sumichrast, Tom Tillar, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Carlyle Brewster, Jesus de la Garza, Joseph Eifert, Kylie Gilbert, Jennifer Hundley, Audrey Zink-Sharp, Susan Anderson, Charlene Eska, Scott Nelson, Bruce Pencek, Susanna Rinehart, Eugene Brown, Paul Herr, Leanna House, William Huckle, David Johnson, Ana Agud, Judy Alford, Jen Averill, Darla Chudzik, Cyndy Graham, Melissa Means, Stacey Poertner, Marwa Abdel Latif, Brett Besag, Aaron Bond, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Robin Lawson, Michael Martin, Samantha Erwin, Greg Purdy, Luke Carroll, Jordan Disney, Rachel Estariz, Taylor Fix, Anjelica Smith, Joe Merola, Sue Teel,

Absent: Guru Ghosh, Tyler Walters, Dan Cook (with notice), Maxine Lyons, Mayuresh Patil, Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Tom Fox, Morgan Esters, Karisa Moore, Mordecai Harvey, Daniel Pierce-Parra, Nick Warrington, Erica Wood

Guests: Don Back, Robert Denton, Jack Finney, Rachel Holloway, Gary Long, Chad Mandala, Sandra Muse, April Myers, Rick Rudd, Stephen Schoenholtz, Tanushri Shankar, Angela Simmons, Jamie Williams

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 April 7, 2014

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. Old Business

Commission on Research

Resolution 2013-14A

Resolution to Change Membership of the Commission on Research

Dr. Jesus de la Garza presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2013-14A

Printing of Receipts in Dining Facilities

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14E

Revision to Course Withdrawal Policy ("W" Grade Policy)

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14F

Resolution for Renaming the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education to the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies – Deferred until May 5, 2014

Resolution 2013-14B

Enrollment Requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program

Dr. Steger announced that this resolution is deferred until the May 5, 2014, meeting.

4. New Business

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14G

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. Stephen Schoenholtz to answer any questions about the resolution. Dr. Schoenholtz indicated that it has taken three years to get this resolution completed. The new degree represents a collaboration among ten departments across campus and five colleges. This degree is a unique interdisciplinary degree that combines both water science and water policy. There are tremendous opportunities for our students in terms of solving water problems. This degree will put Virginia Tech at the forefront of water resources policy and management and provide great job opportunities for our students.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14N

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. JP Morgan to answer any questions about the resolution.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14I

Resolution to Approve New Major in Public Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

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Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14K

Resolution to Approve New Major in Communication Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the three resolutions for first reading. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. Robert Denton to answer any questions about the resolutions. Dr. Denton informed the Council members that currently Public Relations, Multimedia Journalism, and Communication Studies are options in the Bachelor of Arts in Communication. Dr. Denton indicated that changing these options to majors will allow more specialization within each of these areas which will require more course work and expertise. Students who graduate with a major in these areas will be more marketable. Dr. Denton also indicated that faculty recruitment and retention in these areas will be better if these changes are made.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Resolution 2013-14B

Resolution to Establish the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week

Dr. Aaron Bond presented the resolution for first reading. After the Principles of Community were implemented in 2005, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion implemented the Strong Together Initiative in order to raise awareness and promote the values established by the Principles of Community. This resolution will establish the Strong Together Week to be held the first week after spring break. Dr. Steger suggested that the commission consider a sunset clause for the resolution should the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity wish to propose an alternate means of recognition in several years.

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

Resolution 2013-14A

Resolution Regarding Voluntary Health Disclosure Form for Education

Dr. Carlyle Brewster presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Brewster indicated that this resolution will give the option for students participating in educational programs overseas to have an opportunity to indicate any health issues on a voluntary health disclosure form. This will help faculty and other university employees to be better prepared for health issues that may arise while traveling abroad. Legal Counsel has reviewed the form and does not have any concerns with it.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2013-14F

Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Expansion of Student Conduct Procedures for the University Student Conduct System

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Gilbert introduced Angela Simmons to answer any questions. Ms. Simmons indicated this resolution will integrate adaptable conflict resolution into the student conduct process. This process is intended to be educational and will allow the individuals involved in a conflict to have a direct influence over the resolution process. An example of a situation where it could be used is in the case of a roommate conflict that escalates into a student conduct matter.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2013-14B

Resolution to Change Policy 8220

Security Requirements for Events Sponsored by Student Organizations

Clarification of Security Personnel

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Gilbert introduced Jamie Williams to answer any questions about the resolution. Ms. Williams stated that the Virginia Tech Police Department has the authority and responsibility to determine how much security is needed for any campus event. The existing policy states that an event "may only be held if an adequate number of officers are available to cover it." The resolution would amend the policy to read, "...an adequate number of officers or other University approved security personnel are available to cover it." President Steger indicated that this resolution has been reviewed by the Virginia Tech Chief of Police and he does not have any objections to the resolution.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2013-14C

Resolution to Change Policy 8012

Establishing and Maintaining a University Chartered Student Organization (UCSO)

Addition of Staff Support Language

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. The resolution was deferred until the May 5, 2014, University Council meeting.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2013-14D

Resolution to Change Policy 8011

Establishing and Maintaining a University Student Life Program (USLP)

Addition of Staff Support Language

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. The resolution was deferred until the May 5, 2014, University Council meeting.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2013-14E

Resolution for Title Change to Policy 8005

University Staff Support for Student Programming Organizations

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. The resolution was deferred until the May 5, 2014, University Council meeting.

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

Resolution 2013-14A

Resolution to Change Policy 8012

Changes to the Administrative and Professional Faculty Grievance Process

Ms. Jennifer Hundley presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Hundley indicated that this resolution will allow the question of grievability to be initiated at any point in the formal grievance process. It would enable the question of grievability to be raised in the first step of the process. It is better to learn that a situation is not grievable earlier in the process.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Resolution 2013-14A

Resolution to Revise Policy 1025, Anti-discrimination and Harassment Prevention

Mr. Aaron Bond presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will add gender identity to the Anti-discrimination Policy (Policy 1025). President Steger stated that he has been made aware that there is another resolution being brought before University Council from the Commission on Student Affairs (CSA) at the April 28, 2014, meeting. The CSA resolution is adding both gender identity and gender expression to Policy 1025. There was a lengthy discussion about the resolution and definition of the terms "gender identity" and "gender expression." A student representative on the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity voiced strong support on behalf of the students in the CSA to include both gender identity and gender expression in Policy 1025. President Steger deferred the resolution until the May 5, 2014, meeting in order for the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity and the Commission on Student Affairs to develop one resolution to bring to University Council for second reading.

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6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m.