

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 7, 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 March 3, 2014 Dr. Charles Steger

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

3. New Business Dr. Charles Steger
 - Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies** Dr. Joseph Eifert
Resolution 2013-14B
Enrollment Requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program

 - 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. Susan Sumner
Resolution 2013-14E
Revision to Course Withdrawal Policy ("W" Grade Policy)

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

4. 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 Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
February 12, 2014

 - Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
February 3, 2014

 - Commission on Faculty Affairs
January 24, 2014
February 7, 2014

 - Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
February 5, 2014
February 19, 2014

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
February 20, 2014

Commission on Research
December 11, 2013
March 5, 2014

Commission on Student Affairs
February 27, 2014

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
March 24, 2014

5. **For Information Only**

Dr. Charles Steger

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
February 27, 2014

6. **Adjournment**

Dr. Charles Steger

University Council Minutes
April 7, 2014
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Charles Steger (presiding), Jack Lesko for Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, Guru Ghosh, Alan Grant, Joan Hirt, Mark McNamee, Kim O'Rourke, Patricia Perillo, Laura Rugless, Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Robert Sumichrast, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Carlyle Brewster, Dan Cook, Jesus de la Garza, Joseph Eifert, Kylie Gilbert, Jennifer Hundley, Maxine Lyons, Mayuresh Patil, Susan Sumner for Audrey Zink-Sharp, Susan Anderson, Charlene Eska, William Huckle, Johannes Grow for Scott Nelson, Bruce Pencek, Susanna Rinehart, Eugene Brown, LuAnn Gaskill, Paul Herr, Leanna House, Darla Chudzik, Cyndy Graham, Marwa Abdel Latif, Brett Besag, Aaron Bond, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Robin Lawson, Michael Martin, Greg Purdy, Luke Carroll, Jordan Disney, Rachel Estariz, Taylor Fix, Daniel Pierce-Parra, Anjelica Smith, Joe Merola, Sue Teel, Erica Wood

Absent: Cyril Clarke (with notice), William Lewis, Scott Midkiff (with notice), Tom Tillar, Tyler Walters, Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Tom Fox, Ana Agud, Judy Alford (with notice), Jen Averill, Melissa Means, Stacey Poertner (with notice), Morgan Esters, Karisa Moore (with notice), Samantha Erwin, Mordecai Harvey, Nick Warrington

Guests: Jack Finney, Hunter Gresham, Natalie Hart, April Myers, Hans Robinson, Rick Rudd

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 March 3, 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>). (Note that the meeting scheduled for March 17, 2014, was cancelled.)

3. New Business

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14B

Enrollment Requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program

Dr. Joseph Eifert presented the resolution for first reading. Approximately 150 graduate students participate in the Cooperative Education Program (CEP) each year, and these graduate students are charged tuition for 3 credit hours. Undergraduate students in the CEP are charged a \$50 fee. This resolution would eliminate the tuition fee by having graduate students in the CEP enroll in a 0 credit hour course instead of a 3 credit hour course and pay a fee instead of tuition. Mr. Dwight Shelton indicated that there would be a substantial financial impact (close to \$500,000 per year) with this resolution, and the Budget Office is trying to come up with a solution that would partially mitigate that financial impact. Mr. Shelton requested additional time to work out the details of a solution. The resolution was deferred in order to allow the Budget Office time to come up with an acceptable solution. Dr. Steger noted that the resolution would be brought back for second reading before the end of the semester upon receipt of the Budget Office's analysis.

Commission on Research

Resolution 2013-14A

Resolution to Change Membership of the Commission on Research

Dr. Jesus de la Garza presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. de la Graza gave background information on the resolution. In 2011, the University Task Force on Special Research Faculty conducted a review of the representation of Research Faculty in university governance, and it was determined that the most appropriate commission for Research Faculty to participate on is the Commission on Research. This resolution will add one representative in the Postdoctoral Associate rank and two representatives from the remaining research faculty ranks. Joe Merola indicated that he fully supports the resolution but then mentioned that research faculty whose home is in academia are eligible to be members of Faculty Senate and there would be the potential for an overrepresentation of research faculty members on the Commission on Research.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2013-14A

Printing of Receipts in Dining Facilities

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. The resolution has been several years in the making. This resolution proposes that when the Hokie Passport is used as a form of payment in the dining halls, the customer would have the option to not receive a paper receipt. On average, over 30,000 receipts are printed by dining services daily. The printing of receipts causes delays for those in line. A piloted program was implemented at the beginning of the spring semester and has been very successful.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14E

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

Dr. Susan Sumner presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Sumner stated that this resolution will supersede Presidential Policy Memorandum (PPM) 196. Currently students are allowed to withdraw from up to six credit hours. This resolution will allow students to withdraw from up to a maximum of three courses. Another difference from PPM 196 is to change the last day a student can withdraw from the last Friday before the end of the semester to the last day of classes before the end of the semester.

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. Susan Sumner presented the resolution for first reading. Dean Alan Grant announced that the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences fully supports the resolution.

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6. Update from the General Assembly

Dr. Steger informed the Council members that the General Assembly has still not agreed on a budget, and are still deciding on some big issues such as Medicaid expansion. The proposed budget by the House has a bonus plan and the proposed budget by the Senate has a modest overall salary increase. University officials are working hard to come up with a compensation plan for all university employees if the State falters. Dr. Steger indicated that for any salary increase approved by the State, the university has to pay two-thirds of the increase. If the State does not provide a salary increase or a bonus, university officials want the flexibility to provide a modest salary increase from the university's internal budget.

7. Announcement

Dr. Steger announced that the Big Event took place this past weekend. Approximately 7800 students participated in 1000 different projects. When the Big Event started in 2002, there were 420 students who participated in 60 projects. Dr. Steger stated that the Big Event has a great impact on the Town of Blacksburg.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m.