

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 1, 2014

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Dr. Timothy Sands

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of November 17, 2014 Dr. Timothy Sands

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

3. Old Business Dr. Timothy Sands

Commission on Faculty Affairs Dr. Rami Dalloul
Resolution CFA 2014-15A
Resolution to Approve the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics

4. New Business Dr. Timothy Sand

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs Ms. Susan Volkmar
Resolution CAPFA 2014-15A
Resolution to Approve Revision to Faculty Handbook Section 7.7:
Grievance Policy and Procedures for Administrative and Professional Faculty

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Hans Robinson
Resolution CGSP 2014-15D
Resolution to Discontinue the MS in Dairy Science

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Hans Robinson
Resolution CGSP 2014-15E
Resolution to Discontinue the MS in Horticulture

5. Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes Dr. Timothy Sands

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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity
October 20, 2014

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
November 5, 2014

Commission on Research
April 9, 2014
September 10, 2014
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Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
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6. Presentation

The Budget Process and Capital Planning Process

Mr. Dwight Shelton

7. Adjournment

Dr. Timothy Sands

University Council Minutes
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Present: Tim Sands (presiding), Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Cyril Clarke, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, Guru Ghosh, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Mark McNamee, Brenda van Gelder for Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Hunter Gresham for Patricia Perillo, Dwight Shelton, Elizabeth Spiller, Robert Sumichrast, Tom Tillar, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, France Bélanger, Aaron Bond, Rami Dalloul, Reed Kennedy, Maxine Lyons, Stephen Martin, Alex Parrish, Hans Robinson, Susan Volkmar, Deborah Smith for Susan Anderson, Tony Colaianne for Charlene Eska, Joe Merola, Corinne Noiro, Anita Puckett, Susanna Rinehart, Christopher Beattie, David Dillard, Paul Herr, Joan Hirt, Christine Watkinson for Darla Chudzik, Melissa Means, Lynn Short, Sue Teel, Larry Cox, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Alphonso Garrett, Michael Martin, Miles Franklin for De'Ashley Spain, Matthew Chan, Samantha Erwin, Greg Purdy, Stephen Hensell, B.H. Kim, Megan Nguyen, Dan Cook, Bernice Hausman

Absent: Pam White, Joseph Edens, Bruce Pencek, Kathrine Carter (with notice), Dave Dugas, Tom Fox, Nanda Nanthakumar, Ana Agud, Stacey Poertner (with notice), Tom Tucker, Brett Besag (with notice), Raifu Durodoye, Taylor Fix, Kylie Gilbert, Jake Tully, Austin Larrowe, Ashley Francis (with notice)

Guests: Jack Finney, Amy Hogan, Rachel Holloway, Hal Irvin, Mildred Johnson, Gary Long, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, David Travis, Jr.

Dr. Sands 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 November 17, 2014

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. Old Business

Commission on Faculty Affairs

CFA Resolution 2014-15A

Resolution to Approve the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics

Dr. Dalloul presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. Kim O'Rourke announced that there has been a change to the November 17, 2014, University Council minutes under new business with respect to this resolution. The last two sentences were changed to state that, "There are no anticipated new degrees nor changes in the curriculum of the newly named department at this time. The advantage to merging these two departments is to merge their administrative resources." A vote was taken and the motion passed.

4. New Business

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

CAPFA Resolution 2014-15A

Resolution to Approve Revision to Faculty Handbook Section 7.7: Grievance Policy and Procedures for Administrative and Professional Faculty

Ms. Susan Volkmar presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Volkmar indicated that currently the validity of a grievance is not considered until later in the process. This resolution will allow the validity of an issue for grievance to be called into question at any point in the formal grievance process by any party. This change will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the grievance process. Dr. Sands questioned who makes the determination that a grievance is valid. Ms. Volkmar indicated that the Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs creates a panel of three members, which makes the determination as to whether or not an issue is grievable.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

CGSP Resolution 2014-15D

Resolution to Discontinue the Master of Science Degree in Dairy Science

CGSP Resolution 2014-15E

Resolution to Discontinue the Master of Science Degree in Horticulture

Dr. Hans Robinson presented the two Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies resolutions for first reading. These two degrees have inadequate student demand according to the requirements set by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, so the degrees are being discontinued. Dr. Susan Sumner indicated that there has been a shift across the nation, and students are enrolling in Plant Science and Animal Poultry Science degrees instead. Current students will have until Fall 2017 to complete their degree, but no new students will be admitted to these two degree programs.

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6. Presentation

Mr. M. Dwight Shelton, Jr., Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation (attached) on the budget process and capital planning process.

7. Announcement

Dr. Sands extended his appreciation for all the submissions made on the InclusiveVT initiatives. There were 86 initiatives proposed around campus.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.