

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 4, 2013

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Dr. Charles Steger

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of December 17, 2012 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 Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Mayuresh Patil
Resolution 2012-13A
Resolution to Approve the Individual Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program (ID PhD)

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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity
December 3, 2012

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
November 15, 2012

Commission on Student Affairs
November 29, 2012

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
December 10, 2012

Commission on University Support
November 15, 2012

5. Adjournment Dr. Charles Steger

University Council Minutes
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Present: Charles Steger (presiding), Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Elizabeth Flanagan, Saied Mostaghimi for Alan Grant, William Lewis, Mark McNamee, Scott Midkiff, Jerry Niles, Kim O'Rourke, Sue Ott Rowlands, Patricia Perillo, Laura Rugless, Gerhardt Schurig, Dwight Shelton, Richard Sorensen, Tom Tillar, Bill Knocke for Robert Walters, Tyler Walters, Kayla Smith for Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Daniel Wubah, Mike Akers, Linda Bucy, Dan Cook, Carlyle Brewster for Christine Fiori, Maxine Lyons, Joe Merola, Mayuresh Patil, Yannis Stivachtis, Diane Zahm, Charlene Eska, Scott Nelson, Helene Renard, Susanna Rinehart, Deborah Smith, Jan Helge Bøhn for Eugene Brown, William Huckle, Robert Denton for Sam Riley, Jane Robertson, Eric Wiseman, Judy Alford, Darla Chudzik, Melissa Means, Jen Mirabella, Wyatt Sasser, Amy Tunison, Nicole DaDamio, Karen Poff, Patricia Smith, Patrick Tomlin, Leighton Vila, Austin Larrowe, Anjelica Smith, Robyn Jones, Sarah Karpanty, Nicholas Onopa, Sue Teel

Absent Christopher Atkins, Bruce Pencek (with notice), Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Debra Salbador, Teresa Lyons, Lauren Heming, Karisa Moore (with notice), Jacqueline Nottingham, Shaimaa Abdallah, Elaine Mathis, Dustin Dorph, Luke Hodge, Adam Smith, Paige Waltz

Guests: Rosemary Blieszner, Randy Collins, Jack Finney, Allison Knox, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Brenda Van Gelder

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 December 17, 2012

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. Announcements

Update from the General Assembly

Dr. Steger announced that the General Assembly adopted a resolution recognizing Dean Richard Sorensen's contributions to the University.

Tomorrow is cross-over day, when bills from each chamber move to the other chamber. Dr. Steger noted several small budget additions for Virginia Tech that are under consideration by the legislature.

4. Old Business

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2012-13A

Resolution to Approve the Individual Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program (ID PhD)

Dr. Mayuresh Patil presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed with one vote opposed and one abstention.

After the vote, Dr. Bøhn informed the Council members that he voted nay because the College of Engineering Faculty Organization unanimously voted against the resolution because they could not determine a scenario in which it was needed.

Also after the vote, Dean Chang indicated that he abstained from the vote because the College of Science has some concerns with the program and did not understand clearly how the program is going to work.

5. Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes

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6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m.