

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 3, 2014

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Mr. Dwight Shelton

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 17, 2014 Mr. Dwight Shelton

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

3. Old Business Mr. Dwight Shelton

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Joseph Eifert
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution to Establish a Master of Arts Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp
Resolution 2013-14D
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics

4. Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes Mr. Dwight Shelton

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
January 8, 2014

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
January 22, 2014

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
February 10, 2014

5. For Information Only Mr. Dwight Shelton

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
January 23, 2014

6. Adjournment Mr. Dwight Shelton

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

Present: Present: Dwight Shelton (presiding), Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Elizabeth Flanagan, Gerhardt Shurig for Guru Ghosh, Saied Mostaghimi for Alan Grant, William Lewis, Jack Finney for Mark McNamee, Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Laura Rugless, Dwight Shelton, Tom Tillar, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Carlyle Brewster, Jesus de la Garza, Joseph Eifert, Jennifer Hundley, Mayuresh Patil, Audrey Zink-Sharp, Susan Anderson, Robert Ralston for Scott Nelson, Bruce Pencek, Eugene Brown, Leanna House, Tom Fox, Darla Chudzik, Marwa Abdel Latif, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Robin Lawson, Samantha Erwin, Luke Carroll, Jordan Disney, Taylor Fix, Daniel Pierce-Parra, Anjelica Smith, Sue Teel, Erica Wood

Absent: Charles Steger (with notice), Cyril Clarke (with notice), Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Joan Hirt, Patricia Perillo (with notice), Robert Sumichrast, Dan Cook, Kylie Gilbert, Maxine Lyons (with notice), Aaron Bond (with notice), Charlene Eska, Susanna Rinehart, Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Paul Herr (with notice), William Huckle (with notice), Sam Riley, Ana Agud, Judy Alford, Jen Averill (with notice), Cyndy Graham, Melissa Means, Stacey Poertner (with notice), Brett Besag (with notice), Morgan Esters, Michael Martin (with notice), Karisa Moore (with notice), Shaimaa Abdallah, Mordecai Harvey, Rachel Estariz, Joe Merola (with notice), Nick Warrington

Guests: Mark Embree, Peter Haskell, Rachel Holloway, J.P. Morgan, April Myers, Vi Nguyentran, Katrina Powell, Barbara Ryder, Eric Smith

Mr. Shelton 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 February 17, 2014

Mr. Shelton 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 Graduate Studies and Policies

Resolution 2013-14A

Resolution to Establish a Master of Arts Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

Dr. Joseph Eifert 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 2013-14D

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. A motion was made to amend the resolution to change the sixth whereas clause to read as follows:

“**WHEREAS**, the College of Science, with help from the College of Engineering, is in an excellent position to initiate a Bachelor of Science in CMDA in that it draws from the expertise of three historically strong departments at Virginia Tech (Statistics, Mathematics and Computer Science), and because of recent additions of junior and senior faculty who are actively engaged in research in computational modeling and data analytics, and”

The motion to amend the resolution was seconded. Dean Chang from the College of Science stated that he fully supports the amendment because it clarifies and strengthens the new degree proposal. The motion to amend the resolution passed. Council then voted on the resolution as amended, and it passed.

4. Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes

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6. Update from the General Assembly

Mr. Shelton informed the Council members that the General Assembly has nearly finished its work. The conferees from the House of Delegates and Senate are currently meeting to see if they can iron out their differences. It appears that the remaining large item of contention is Medicaid expansion, and it is uncertain as to how that will be resolved. There is much discussion that the General Assembly may not finish on time and may have to extend the general session or have a special session to finish with the budget. It appears that higher education will eventually receive some additional funding out of the process, but that is uncertain at this time. A question was raised about whether a potential standoff on Medicaid expansion would put the entire budget in limbo until it is resolved. Mr. Shelton indicated that it will depend on whether Medicaid expansion is included in the budget or not. The position of the House of Delegates has been that Medicaid expansion should not be included in the budget, but the Senate may debate that. If Medicaid expansion is included in the budget, then everything in the budget will be on hold indefinitely until there is a resolution.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.