

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2015

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Dr. Timothy Sands

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 6, 2015 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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity Dr. Aaron Bond
Resolution CEOD 2014-15A
Resolution to Affirm CEOD as Governing Body Within New InclusiveVT Structure

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity Dr. Aaron Bond
Resolution CEOD 2014-15B
Resolution to Revise the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity's Charge

4. New Business Dr. Mark McNamee

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Hans Robinson
Resolution CGSP 2014-15K
Resolution to Adopt a New Honor Code for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Students at Virginia Tech

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs Mr. Reed Kennedy
Resolution COIA 2014-15A
Resolution to Revise University Council on International Affairs By-Laws

Commission on Research Dr. France Bélanger
Resolution COR 2014-15A
Revision to Policy No. 13020 – Policy on Misconduct in Research to address “Self-plagiarism”

Commission on Research Dr. France Bélanger
Resolution COR 2014-15B
Revision to Policy No. 13015 – Policy on Ownership and Control of Research Results

Commission on Research Dr. France Bélanger
Resolution COR 2014-15C
Revision of Policy 13000 – Policy on Intellectual Properties

Commission on Student Affairs Mr. Joseph Edens
Resolution CSA 2014-15A
Resolution for the Replacement of the Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly

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 Outreach and International Affairs
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Commission on Research
March 4, 2015

6. **Adjournment**

Dr. Timothy Sands

University Council Minutes
April 20, 2015
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), Richard Benson, Gary Long for Lay Nam Chang, Cyril Clarke, Jack Davis, Martin Daniel for Dennis Dean, Elizabeth Flanagan, Gerhart Schurig for Guru Ghosh, Alan Grant, Mark McNamee, Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Patricia Perillo, Debra Stoudt for Elizabeth Spiller, Robert Sumichrast, Tom Tillar, Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, France Bélanger, Aaron Bond, Rami Dalloul, Joseph Edens, Reed Kennedy, Audrey Zink-Sharp for Stephen Martin, Hans Robinson, Susan Volkmar, Debbie Smith for Susan Anderson, Charlene Eska, Rick Ashley for Corinne Noirot, Paul Herr, Joan Hirt, Nanda Nanthakumar, Ana Agud, Cyndy Graham, Lynn Short, Sue Teel, Tom Tucker, Brett Besag, Larry Cox, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Alphonso Garrett, Michael Martin, De'Ashley Spain, Matthew Chan, Samantha Erwin, Greg Purdy, Taylor Fix, Elizabeth Lazor, Warren Nooger, Rachel Estariz for Tanushri Shankar, Dan Cook, Bernice Hausman

Absent: Karen DePauw, Dwight Shelton, Pam White, Maxine Lyons, Alex Parrish, Anita Puckett, Joe Merola (with notice), Bruce Pencek, Susanna Rinehart, Christopher Beattie, Kathrine Carter (with notice), David Dillard (with notice), Dave Dugas, Tom Fox, Melissa Means, Stacey Poertner (with notice), Raifu Durodoye, Alexa Parsley, Andrew Schoka, Austin Larrowe, Ashley Francis

Guests: Srinath Ekkad, Jack Finney, Rachel Holloway, Hal Irvin, Sandra Muse, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, David Travis

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 April 6, 2015

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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity

CEOD Resolution 2014-15A

Resolution to Affirm CEOD as Governing Body within New InclusiveVT Structure

Dr. Aaron Bond presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

CEOD Resolution 2014-15B

Resolution to Revise the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity's Charge

Dr. Aaron Bond presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

4. New Business

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

CGSP Resolution 2014-15K

Resolution to Adopt a New Honor Code for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Students at Virginia Tech

Dr. Hans Robinson presented the resolution for first reading. In recent years there have been some honors cases that have been difficult to resolve because the current system is cumbersome and difficult to use. The proposed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Honor Code has been very closely modeled after the Graduate School Honor Code. The DVM Student Honor Board conducted a vote which was cut off at a simple majority in favor of adopting the new honor code. Out of 445 students in the DVM program, 225 voted in favor of the new honor code and 7 voted against it.

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

COIA Resolution 2014-15A

Resolution to Revise University Council on International Affairs By-Laws

Mr. Reed Kennedy presented the resolution for first reading. It has been several years since the by-laws of the University Council on International Affairs have been updated. There are no significant content changes made in this revision. This update will revise the membership roster to remove positions that are no longer at the university, remove terms of memberships because they are now unlimited, and replace the term outreach with engagement.

Commission on Research

COR Resolution 2014-15A

Revision to Policy No. 13020 – Policy on Misconduct in Research to address “Self-plagiarism”

Dr. France Bélanger presented the resolution for first reading. Self-plagiarism is becoming more and more of an issue and appears when one reuses his or her published work without citing it. The Commission on Research was asked by two senior-level administrators to consider adding self-plagiarism to this policy. A joint committee was formed between the Commission on Research and the Commission on Faculty Affairs. The joint committee discovered that the Policy on Research Misconduct is somewhat linked to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) at the federal government and changes made to the policy have to be approved by the ORI. The ORI does not consider self-plagiarism to be misconduct in research, but is considered unethical behavior. This change is being made to this policy because it would be the first place someone would check if there was an issue with self-plagiarism. Language was added to the policy stating that self-plagiarism is considered unethical behavior at Virginia Tech but is not research misconduct. The policy will then refer those looking for self-plagiarism to the Faculty Handbook.

Commission on Research

COR Resolution 2014-15B

Revision to Policy No. 13015 – Policy on Ownership and Control of Research Results

Dr. France Bélanger presented the resolution for first reading. This policy dated back to 2001 and did not have any language referring to digital data or data management. There is no major change being made except adding language referring to digital data.

Commission on Research

COR Resolution 2014-15C

Revision of Policy 13000 – Policy on Intellectual Properties

Dr. France Bélanger presented the resolution for first reading. This revision mainly addresses intellectual property of students and visiting scholars. The first major change is that students who are not being paid and are using commonly available resources can keep their intellectual property. The second major change is that

although visiting scholars will still be required assign intellectual property (IP) rights to Virginia Tech, the IP may be released to the visiting scholar if Virginia Tech Intellectual Properties (VTIP) decides to not do anything with the IP. The third major change is that the President of Virginia Tech can make any exception to the policy. A procedures document is being created to go along with the policy in order to make the language in the policy clearer.

Commission on Student Affairs

CSA Resolution 2014-15A

Resolution for the Replacement of the Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly

Mr. Joseph Edens presented the resolution for first reading. There was an overhaul of the organization, and the Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly was essentially rewritten without retaining much of the current constitution.

5. Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes

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6. Announcements

Dr. Sands gave a brief update on the various searchers for the leadership team. Dr. Sands announced that Dr. Charles Phelgar will report on July 1, 2015, as the first Vice President for Advancement. Dr. Sands thanked Dr. Betsy Flanagan for her past fifteen years of service. The Executive Vice President and Provost search is underway. The first two finalists will be on campus this week and next week. The three finalists for the Vice President for Research and Innovation will be coming to campus for open forum presentations. The search for the Senior Advisor to the President and Vice Provost for Inclusion and Diversity has been launched as well as the search for the Associate Vice President for University Relations.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m.