

# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 11, 2013

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

## AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Mr. Dwight Shelton
  
2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of November 4, 2013 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 Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Gary Long  
Resolution 2013-14B  
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nanoscience
  
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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
September 16, 2013

Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs  
September 25, 2013

Commission on Student Affairs  
October 17, 2013
  
5. For Information Only Mr. Dwight Shelton  

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning  
October 24, 2013
  
6. Adjournment Mr. Dwight Shelton

**University Council Minutes**  
**November 11, 2013**  
**3:00 PM**  
**1045 Pamplin Hall**

**Present:** Dwight Shelton (presiding), Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Cyril Clarke, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Short for Guru Ghosh, Jack Finney for Mark McNamee, Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Cynthia Bonner for Patricia Perillo, Laura Rugless, Tom Tillar, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Thomas Olson for Paul Winistorfer, Jesus de la Garza, Joseph Eifert, Jennifer Hundley, Lesley Moyo, Mayuresh Patil, Gary Long for Audrey Zink-Sharp, Susan Anderson, Charlene Eska, Scott Nelson, Eugene Brown, Paul Herr, Leanna House, William Huckle, Tom Fox, Sam Riley, Darla Chudzik, Cyndy Graham, Jen Mirabella, Stacey Poertner, Marwa Abdel Latif, Brett Besag, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Robin Lawson, Karisa Moore, Samantha Erwin, Brent Ashley, Johnson Bray, Elizabeth Lazor, Bryan Mitchell, Daniel Pierce-Parra, Joe Merola, Sue Teel,

**Absent:** Charles Steger (absent with notice), Alan Grant, William Lewis (with notice), Sue Ott Rowlands, Robert Sumichrast, Tyler Walters, Carlyle Brewster, Dan Cook (with notice), Kylie Gilbert, Maxine Lyons, Bruce Pencek, Susanna Rinehart (with notice), Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Ana Agud (with notice), Judy Alford, Melissa Means (with notice), Morgan Esters, Michael Martin, Shaimaa Abdallah, Mordecai Harvey, Jordan Disney, Nick Warrington, Erica Wood

**Guests:** Natalie Hart, James Heflin, Michael Hochella, Rachel Holloway, J.P. Morgan, April Myers

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 November 4, 2013**

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. Announcement**

Dr. Rachel Holloway announced that Professor Craig Brians in the Department of Political Science died suddenly on November 10, 2013.

**4. Old Business**

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution 2013-14B

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nanoscience

Dr. Gary Long presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. Dr. Joe Merola requested a deferral until the December 2, 2013, University Council meeting because the supporting documentation was not provided until after the November 4, 2013, meeting, and there was only one week to review the materials. Ms. Kim O'Rourke informed the Council that according to the by-

laws, the request for deferral will stand unless three-fourths of the members present vote to override the deferral. Dr. Merola made a motion to defer action on the resolution until the next University Council meeting and the motion to defer was seconded. An observation was made that since this resolution will not be going to the Board of Visitors until the March meeting, there is no urgency to get the resolution passed. Dr. Long stated that there have been many people involved with this resolution and it is ready for a vote. Dr. Long also indicated that deferring this resolution will have a big impact on the work that has already been done. Dean Chang indicated that he is against deferring this resolution because it has gone through all the proper committees and commissions for review and approval, and there has been a lot of positive response in favor of the new degree. Dean Chang stated that it is unnecessary to defer the resolution because there is nothing to be gained from a deferral. A vote was taken on the motion to defer the resolution and the motion was defeated. A vote was then taken on the motion to approve the resolution and the motion passed.

## **5. Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes**

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## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m.