Minutes
University Council Meeting
September 21, 1987

Present: Dr. Lavery, Dr. Van Dresser, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Boyd (for Dr. Nichols), Dr. Steger, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Robertshaw (for Dr. Smith), Dr. Padis (for Dr. Torgersen), Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Eyre, Dr. Johnson (for Dr. Geasler), Ms. Johnson (for Mr. Gherman), Mr. Savage, Dr. Conn, Dr. Heterick, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Lovingwood, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Sullins), Dr. Paterson, Dr. Novak, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Baker, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Reynolds.

Guests: Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum; Mr. Bill Roundy, Collegiate Times; Ms. Laura McGlothlin, Collegiate Times.

Absent: Mr. Forbes, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Smith, Dr. Torgersen, Dr. Geasler, Mr. Gherman, Dr. Seago, Dr. Misra, Dr. Heller, Dr. Sullins, Mr. Fentress.

Dr. Lavery called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Lavery welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the academic year. Introductions were made of new members of Council as well as other members and substitutes.

Dr. Lavery announced that the number of candidates in the Provost Search has been cut to twenty-five or thirty. The Search Committee hopes to begin interviewing by mid-November.

Dr. Lavery said that the item before Council concerning the relationship of student organizations to the University and faculty advisors for these organizations is now before the Commission on Faculty Affairs. He urged faculty and student organizations to study the several dimensions of the resolution but not to get overly concerned.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Lavery said that a revised Agenda was sent out on Friday, September 18, including two additional resolutions for first reading, one on core courses, and the other on certificates of recognition for additional majors. In addition, he said the Commission on Student Affairs submitted four additional resolutions not on the Agenda. He said Council must consider the appropriateness of placing them on the Agenda, as they seem to address administrative rather than policy matters. The four resolutions are:

CSA Resolution 1, April 30, 1987, concerning operating Squires Student Center 24 hours a day.

CSA Resolution 13, May 7, 1987, concerning selling beer during all hours of operation of the Squires Student Center Snack Bar.

CSA Resolution 18, May 7, 1987, concerning check cashing at a minimum of $25.00 in Squires Student Center.
Dr. Perry said he didn't think Council was constituted in such a way to take up regulatory or procedural changes. Dr. Conn said that having matters such as these before Council is a good way to communicate to the wider community what is happening, but he questioned the need of Council action on them. Dr. Sorensen stated that the issues are not ones that Council members are informed about and he questioned whether considering these resolutions would be intrusive upon the area of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

It was agreed that the resolutions would be distributed to Council members before the next meeting. After Council members have reviewed them, a decision will be made at the next meeting as to whether or not to place them on the agenda.

Dr. Lavery informed Council that in the next several months, suggestions will be brought forward from the Athletic Board and the Interim Athletic Director for the formation of an athletic committee, observing the requirements of the NCAA. Since it may be July 1, 1988 before the current Athletic Board and corporation can be dissolved, there will be adequate time to put the structure together. Dr. Arnold asked whether it had been established that a commission look to Council for guidance on where the organization falls within the governance structure, its composition should be, how its members are selected, and its responsibilities.

Dr. Lavery said that although no items were received in time for the agenda for the Question Period, members of Council could ask questions at the end of the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 18, 1987

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 18, 1987 as distributed. The motion CARRIED.

4. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 5, MAY 7, 1987, CONCERNING UNIVERSITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

This resolution would change the Constitution of the University Council by adding the following language to Article II, Section 1, Subsection B:

"Any timely or important business may be added to the agenda up to or even after the adoption of the agenda by the chair, unanimous consent, or a majority vote; however, no action will be taken on the addition(s) until the next scheduled meeting."

In discussion, Mr. Ridenour questioned whether the intent was to change the procedure for the Commissions or for Council. Dr. Sullivan said that the CSA follows the ten-day advance requirement currently in the Council Constitution for placing items on the Commission agenda, and it was necessary to change the Council Constitution if the Commission practice was to be changed. Mr. Baker stated he thought the intent was to have it apply to Council as well as to the Commissions. It was pointed out that to require Commissions to adhere to procedures of Council, as set forth by the Constitution and Bylaws, would be even more restrictive. The question was raised about who should determine what is “timely and important business,” whether the first and second reading rule should be followed by Commissions. Mr. Savage was asked to review the Constitution and Bylaws and report at the next Council meeting whether Commissions could establish their own bylaws. The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

5. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS RESOLUTION 17, MAY 7, 1987, CONCERNING UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE.
This resolution would increase the number of undergraduate seats on the Traffic Committee from one to three, two students nominated by the Student Government Association and one nominated by the Residence Hall Federation. The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

6. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1986-87E, UNIVERSITY CORE COURSES.

This resolution provides that:

"1) Once the Commission on Undergraduate Studies in Winter Quarter 1987 has approved the University core courses as a group within a division, any new core course proposed for inclusion in that division until Fall Semester 1988 must first be approved by the University Core Course Committee. Upon approval by that committee, the proposed University core courses must then proceed through the normal departmental, college, and university approval sequence for University core courses.

2) Beginning with the Fall Semester of 1988, a two-year moratorium (until Fall 1990) on the proposal of any new University core courses will go into effect."

Dr. Perry said the purpose of the resolution is to reduce the number of requests from departments for curriculum changes during the process of converting to the semester system. This would give the core curriculum a chance to be tested under the semester system before it is changed. In response to a question, Dr. Perry said he would get clarification about whether the moratorium would be imposed on the "proposal" of any new University core course, rather than the "taking effect" of any such course, and would amend the resolution, if needed, on second reading.

7. FIRST READING, COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1986-87G, AWARDING A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL MAJOR.

This resolution, responding to recurring student requests provides that when students complete requirements for two or more majors, a certificate of recognition will be awarded for each additional major (a diploma is awarded in recognition of the completion of the degree in the primary major). The resolution establishes the language for the certificate. Dr. Perry said since it is not feasible to include the second major on a diploma, this is a compromise to issue a certificate that looks very much like a diploma and indicates a second major. Dr. Conn requested that the resolution be deferred for review by the Faculty Senate.

8. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.


e. Commission on Student Affairs, May 7, May 14, 1987

IC ASSOCIATION, UNIVERSITY COMPUTER COMMITTEE, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL, MAY 18, 1987.

Several Council members said these reports, which were submitted for information, were too brief and too late to be useful. Several members said they would like to be informed of actions and issues before the committees to provide input, and Dr. Van Dresser suggested that the meeting dates, agendas, and minutes be placed on PROFS and made accessible. Dr. Arnold suggested that Council members be sent copies of minutes of committees. It was agreed that Council would receive the copies of the minutes of meetings of those University committees which report to Council.

The next meeting of Council will be October 5.

With no further business, Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant to the President

LKS:gf
Minutes
University Council Meeting
October 5, 1987

Dr. Lavery called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Van Dresser, Dr. Perry, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Steger, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Torgersen, Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Meldrum (for Dr. Eyre), Mr. Foltin (for Mr. Gherman), Mr. Savage, Dr. Conn, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Seago, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Lovingwood, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Dr. Paterson, Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Novak), Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Baird, Mr. Choby, Mr. Baker.

Guests: Laura McGlothlin, Collegiate Times; John Ashby, Spectrum.

Absent: Mr. Forbes, Dr. Smith, Dr. Geasler, Dr. Eyre, Mr. Gherman, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Heterick, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Misra, Dr. Heller, Dr. Sullins, Dr. Novak, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Branch, Mr. Donelly, Mr. Battaglia.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Lavery reminded members of Council that the Provost Search Committee would meet immediately following the Council meeting.

Dr. Lavery said that he attended a groundbreaking ceremony at the University of Maryland for a facility of the Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. Having this facility in College Park will greatly enhance the relationship between Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

In regard to placing on the agenda Commission on Student Affairs Resolutions 1, 13, and 18, (see minutes of Council meeting of September 21, 1987), Mr. Baker pointed out that since introduction of these resolutions to CSA, it has been learned that a committee exists which would provide an avenue for the students to resolve the issues. He moved that CSA Resolutions 1, 13, and 18 be referred to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

Dr. Perry moved that Resolution 9, regarding University Council Agenda, be added to the agenda for first reading on October 19. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1987

The University Council minutes of the meeting of September 21, 1987 were approved as distributed.

4. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 5, MAY 7, 1987, CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL AGENDA. (See Item 4 in minutes of Council meeting of September 21, 1987.)
Mr. Savage reported that the Constitution and Bylaws of the University Council do not state that commissions should follow the procedures of Council; however, language in STURGIS STANDARD CODE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE hints that subgroups follow the procedures set forth by Council. Mr. Savage said that no commissions precisely follow the procedures of Council. If this resolution were passed, it would affect Council operations. It was suggested that commissions develop their own procedures internally. A motion was made and seconded to refer the resolution back to the Commission on Student Affairs. The motion CARRIED.

5. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 17, MAY 7, 1987, CONCERNING UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (See Item 5 in minutes of Council meeting of September 21, 1987)

Mr. Savage said that under the Constitution of the University Council, undergraduate student members are nominated for appointment to committees by the Student Government Association. There is no provision for any other group to make nominations. It was suggested that the resolution be amended to read that three students be nominated by the SGA, one of which must be an on campus resident. It was noted that committee members are "nominated" and that the President makes the "appointments." The resolution was deferred to allow the Commission on Student Affairs to resolve the technicalities of getting representation for the Residence Hall Federation.

6. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1986-87E, UNIVERSITY CORE COURSES (See item 6 in minutes of Council meeting of September 21, 1987)

Dr. Perry moved that the resolution be amended to read as follows:

"2. Beginning with the Fall Semester of 1988, a moratorium will go into effect on the proposal of any new University Core Courses to be included in the core structure. An analysis of the semester core curriculum and student selection of its courses will be undertaken by the Core Curriculum Committee during the academic year 1989-90, after which proposed core curriculum changes will be received by CUS."

Dr. Perry explained that this resolution establishes a two-year moratorium on the proposal of core curriculum changes in order to allow time for the established core curriculum to work before changes are implemented. After the two-year moratorium, the CUS will accept proposals for change.

The motion to amend was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion CARRIED.

The resolution was deferred to allow further review by the Faculty Senate.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

Mr. Savage said that the EO/AA activities of the entire university, not just the EO/AA Committee, are represented in the report. The report gives an inventory of achievements over the past year.

In response to a question raised by Dr. Kornegay about the child care issue, Mr. Savage said that a Child Care Committee, appointed by Dr. Lavery and chaired by Dr. Maxwell, met several times during the summer and has several subgroups conducting investigations at the present time. Dr. Kornegay asked to go on record as a supporter of child care and that he would like to see the committee move as rapidly as possible on this issue.

Dr. Arnold asked if the Affirmative Action Plan: Toward the Year 2000 would be a written report. Mr. Savage said that this written report should be completed this month.

8. QUESTION PERIOD
In response to a question from Mr. Baker regarding commuter parking, Dr. Van Dresser reported that the 108 parking spaces converted to faculty/staff parking would be returned to commuter parking once the lot at Whittemore Hall is completed. The projected completion date is at the end of the fall quarter, dependent upon weather conditions.

Dr. Van Dresser will find out the total number of parking spaces available in commuter lots and report to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant
to the President

LKS:gf
Minutes  
University Council Meeting  
November 2, 1987

Dr. Lavery called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present:  Dr. Lavery, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Boyd (for Dr. Nichols) Dr. Steger, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Bonham (for Dr. Sorensen), Dr. Smith, Ms. Nystrom (for Dr. Torgersen), Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Eyre, Dr. Flowers (for Geasler), Mr. Gherman, Mr. Savage, Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Conn), Dr. Heterick, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Seago, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Misra, Dr. Lovingwood, Dr. Henneke, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Dr. Paterson, Dr. Novak, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Choby, Mr. Robinette (for Mr. Baker), Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Baird.

Guests:  Mr. Greg Greer, Collegiate Times; Ms. Mary Mulligan, student; Ms. Kathleen English, student; Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum.

Absent:  Mr. Forbes, Dr. Van Dresser, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Torgersen, Dr. Geasler, Dr. Conn, Mr. Fentress, Mr. Baker, Mr. Reynolds.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Lavery said that, unless there were objections, two students would attend the meeting on a news writing assignment, and a photographer from "The Bugle" would take candid shots of Council for possible publication. There were no objections.

Dr. Lavery said that since Council's last meeting he had decided it was time to begin the healing process and that he would announce his intent to resign as President at the November 16 meeting of the Board of Visitors. He called upon all members of Council to join in an effort to get on the positive page of the press and to join in the healing process.

The Provost Search Committee, a subcommittee of the University Council, met on October 26 and discussed how to place the search on hold and how to assure that the outstanding candidates maintain interest in the University. The Search Committee will communicate with the candidates after the meeting of the Board of Visitors on November 16.

Mr. Savage, reporting for the absent Dr. Van Dresser on a request for a report on the number of parking spaces available, distributed a summary showing the number of available spaces before and after current construction projects are completed.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 1987

The University Council minutes of the meeting of October 5, 1987 were approved as distributed.
4. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 86-87G, AWARDING A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL MAJOR, FIRST READING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1987

Ms. Eustis said that this item (for description, see Item 7 of minutes of Council meeting of September 21, 1987) was discussed in the Senate and with student leaders; a survey is being conducted to provide additional information, and the Faculty Senate would prefer to postpone action until this information is received. It was determined that no urgency exists in passing this resolution since it would not go into effect, if passed, until July 1, 1988, with the diplomas being issued in June of 1989. A motion was made and seconded that action on this resolution be postponed until the first meeting in December. The motion carried.

5. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 17 (5/7/87) CONCERNING UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE, FIRST READING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1987.

In view of previous discussions about the nominations of undergraduate students for appointment to this committee, student representatives suggested that the President of the Residence Hall Federation recommend an undergraduate, on-campus resident to the SGA for nomination to the Traffic Committee. Dr. Lavery asked that the Commission on Student Affairs submit to Council revised wording of the resolution before action is taken. A motion was made and seconded to postpone action on the resolution. The motion carried.


Ms. Eustis reported that the Faculty Senate is in agreement with this resolution (for description, see Item 6, Council minutes of September 21, 1987). A motion was made and seconded to adopt this resolution. The motion carried.

7. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 9, MAY 7, 1987, CONCERNING EVENT APPROVAL.

This resolution would provide that lists be maintained of all events sponsored by student organizations on campus, but not approved by authorized University administrative officials; the list would be continuously updated and made available on the University’s mainframe system VM1, accessible from the PROFS system. In addition, the resolution would provide "that the Commission on Student Affairs has the right to review and overturn decisions made by those to whom the Commission has delegated its authority for event approval, subject to restrictions which may arise from law." Dr. Sullivan distributed to Council a memorandum showing that on January 19, 1981, the University Council had approved guidelines transferring "from the Commission on Student Affairs to the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs and other administrative offices the power to approve events sponsored by student organizations, subject to appeal of the Commission." She said that the change was made at the Commission's request.

Council members made the point that lists of all events not approved should be distributed to the Commission membership with the minutes, rather than via the University's mainframe system, because of costs involved. Dr. Sullivan took issue with the resolution, saying that sponsoring persons or organizations have the right to appeal the administrative decision to the Commission.
It was moved and seconded that this resolution be returned to the Commission on Student Affairs for reconsideration. The motion carried.

8. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.

a. Commission on Research, May 27, 1987. In regard to Item 4, Sponsored Programs Supported by Virginia Tech Foundation, Dr. Hooper said that he had discussed with Mr. Ridenour whether state statutes would allow nongovernmental grants to be routed through the Foundation so interest could be earned until actual costs are incurred. This is not an item that would come before Council for approval, he said.

b. Commission on Student Affairs, September 24 and October 8, 1987.


9. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON RESEARCH.

Dr. Lavery thanked the Commission for this Report. Dr. Hooper said that copies of the Goals and Objectives, as mentioned on page 4, Item 5, would be sent to Council members.

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

A question was raised about the number of capital projects which recently came in over budget. Mr. Ridenour will check with Mr. Warren Kark and advise Council at the next meeting.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Although no questions were placed on the agenda, Dr. Lavery opened the floor for questions. Dr. Kornegay asked about cleanup of parking lots after football games, especially the lots behind Animal Sciences and Human Resources. Mr. Ridenour said that he is looking into this but has not yet received an answer as to why it was Monday or Tuesday before the lots were cleaned.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant
to the President

LKS:gf
Minutes
University Council Meeting
December 7, 1987

Dr. Perry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Forbes, Dr. Van Dresser, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Massey (for Dr. Nichols), Dr. Steger, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Parson (for Dr. Smith), Dr. Padis (for Dr. Torgersen), Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Eyre, Mr. Gherman, Mr. Savage, Dr. Conn, Dr. Heterick, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Misra, Dr. Lovingwood, Dr. Henneke, Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Campbell), Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Dr. Sullins, Dr. Paterson, Dr. Novak, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Baker, Mr. Donelly, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Baird.

Guests: Jacob Perkins, SGA; David Gilbert, SGA; Michael Muhore, SGA; John Ashby, Spectrum; Nancy Reynolds, EO/AA.

Absent: Dr. Geasler, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Seago, Dr. Campbell, Mr. Branch, Mr. Fentress.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Perry said that Dr. Lavery was attending the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in New Orleans and asked Dr. Perry to chair the meeting in his absence.

Dr. Perry introduced Dr. Edmund Hennecke, who replaced Dr. Bob Heller, on the Council.

Dr. Conn asked that copies of various committee meeting minutes be distributed to Council members as information copies with the agenda rather than as separate mailings.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 1987

The University Council minutes of the meeting of November 2, 1987 were approved as distributed.

4. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1986-87G, AWARDE NG A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL MAJOR (DEFERRED TO FACULTY SENATE), FIRST READING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1987. POSTPONED

Dr. Conn said that the Faculty Senate would like to hear from the students on this resolution. A motion was made and seconded to refer the resolution to the Commission on Undergraduate Studies. The motion carried.

5. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 17 (5/7/87) CONCERNING UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (DEFERRED TO THE COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, FIRST READING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1987. POSTPONED
This resolution was deferred to the Commission on Student Affairs on November 2 for rewording. It now comes before Council as Resolution CSA 1987-88 B. A copy of the new Resolution was distributed.

The substitute resolution states that three undergraduate representatives are nominated by the Student Government Association, one of whom is a member of the Residence Hall Federation. An editorial change was made to the resolution to include the word "nominated" in appointment method. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution as edited. The motion carried.

6. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON RESEARCH, RESOLUTION 86-87A, POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR SPONSORED PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE VIRGINIA TECH FOUNDATION

This resolution was administratively postponed (November 2, 1987) before it was presented to Council in order to make sure that this resolution was appropriate and legal according to University and Foundation policies. However, since it had been approved by the Commission, it comes before Council for further action.

As background, Dr. Hooper explained that this resolution is a result of discussions which took place last spring in the Commission regarding funding from private sources and exploring ways to make the maximum use of these funds. One of the ways explored was to manage these funds through the Foundation in the hopes that interest could be earned. During the summer this concept was discussed with the financial administrators. According to state statutes, it will not be possible to manage these funds in such a way. Although the resolution as it now reads is a moot question, it was felt by the Commission that it should be brought before Council, in keeping with the governance policies and procedures.

Mr. Ridenour said that the administration has been very supportive of this proposal. However, state regulations and a directive issued from Richmond prevent handling the funds in this manner. Mr. Ridenour mentioned that there is a gray area in regard to grants vs. gifts.

Council agreed to refer the resolution to the Commission on Research. Mr. Ridenour will work with the Commission on an amended or substitute resolution which addresses the general concept of making maximum use of outside funding by whatever means allowable within the law. Representatives of University Development will be included in the discussions as well. Once the resolution, or substitute resolution is brought back to Council, the Faculty Senate could then ask that it be deferred. The faculty has an interest in the disposition of any interest earned. It was noted that the Virginia Tech Foundation is willing to participate to any degree as a repository for investment purposes.

7. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 1987-88A, FILMS POLICY.

This resolution revokes the current film policy and proposes a new film policy which would allow any film to be presented by an officially recognized or registered organization, with no review by any board or administrative body. All advertising for the film would be required to include the sponsoring organization and rating of the film; and the sponsoring organization would be responsible for checking identifications at the door, if applicable.

Mr. Perry suggested that members of Council read the article by Rosemary Tong which appeared in the September-October 1987 issue of Academe entitled, "Women, Pornography, and the Law." Mr. Perry said that the article addresses this very issue and recounts the same questions facing this university community. Copies of the article will be distributed with
Dr. Conn said that the resolution appears to resolve the problems that the Faculty Senate had with the previous policy and that the Senate would support this resolution.

Questions were raised regarding checking identification; the purpose of showing a film, for educational purposes or as a fund raising project. Mr. Savage was asked to find out the meaning of the statement that "public institutions of higher learning are exempt from state obscenity laws as they pertain to motion pictures..."

The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

8. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1987-88A, TRANSFER CREDIT/REQUIRED MEDICAL DROP.

Under the current policy a student cannot receive credit for coursework earned at another institution during the period which the student specifically has been dropped for academic or disciplinary reasons. Under current policy a student also may be dropped for medical reasons which require clearance by the Health Evaluating Committee for readmission, and during the period of medical drop the student may attend another university and then request the credit be transferred back. This resolution changes the policy to include the phrase, "or for medical reasons requiring clearance by the Health Evaluating Committee for readmission unless specifically permitted by the Health Evaluating Committee."

Dr. Perry said that the Chairman of the Health Evaluating Committee would be asked to consider this resolution and provide input to Dr. Perry, Chairman, Commission on Undergraduate Studies.

The resolution was carried forward for second reading.


This policy was written by the EO/AA Committee and reviewed by the Commission on Faculty Affairs and the Faculty Senate. The policy was carried forward for second reading.

10. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.


b. Commission on Research, September 23; October 14; and October 28, 1987, with Item 4, Faculty Salaries Under Special Assignments, excepted and referred to the Commission on Faculty Affairs.


d. Commission on Undergraduate Studies, September 28, October 26, 1987. It was noted, October 26 minutes, item 7.b., that Procedures on Special Admissions is an administrative procedure. Previously if decision on admission was disputed, a higher administrative officer could overrule the decision. This document puts into place a procedure for placing the issue before a faculty committee rather than University administrators.

Dr. Conn stated that the Faculty Senate is interested in the procedures and will be discussing them at its next meeting.
e. For Information: Commission on Research, Report of the Committee on Goals and Objectives for Research.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant
to the President

LKS:gf
Dr. Torgersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Forbes, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Steiss (for Dr. Hooper), Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Steger, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Smith, Dr. Torgersen, Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Eyre, Mr. Gherman, Mr. Savage, Dr. Conn, Dr. Heterick, Dr. Baumgartner (for Dr. Arnold), Dr. Randolph, Dr. Seago, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Lovingwood, Dr. Hennecke, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Paterson), Dr. Novak, Ms. Ball (for Mr. Ritter), Mr. Choby, Mr. Baker, Mr. Donelly.

Guests: Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum; Ms. Nancy Reynolds, EO/AA Office, Ms. Kay Heidbreder, Legal Counsel; Ms. Bonita Mayo, extern, University of Virginia.

Absent: Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Reynolds.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Torgersen introduced guests, Nancy Reynolds, Kay Heidbreder, and Bonita Mayo to Council.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of a resolution (see Item 4 below) introduced by Dean Doswald. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 1987

The University Council minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1987, were approved with a correction to Item 10, B. (These minutes will be distributed as corrected.)

4. RESOLUTION FORMALLY EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO DR. LAVERY FOR HIS YEARS AS PRESIDENT.

This resolution, introduced by Dean Doswald, provides that the University Council "formally expresses its deep gratitude to Dr. Lavery for his outstanding leadership during his years as President from 1975 - 1987 and offers its best wishes for his success in his future endeavors with the University." The Resolution was passed unanimously.


Mr. Donnelly said this proposal (for description, see Item 7 of the Minutes of University Council Meeting of December 7, 1987) comes forward as a student response to a previous policy distributed, naming the Commission on Student Affairs as a review panel for films. Dr. Sullivan said the previous policy was not new, but was one adopted in 1979 which called for a review board made up of a group which no longer exists. She said at the request of the Virginia Tech Union Films chair, the policy was updated naming the CSA as the review panel.
Dr. Perry commented that he is opposed to showing films which are obscene or pornographic, degrading to women or men as sexual objects. However, he said, he did not believe the University could make such judgments. He said he is opposed to censorship, and, therefore, would support the proposed policy, but would ask for a pledge from student organizations to not show such films.

Mr. Gherman spoke against censorship. Drs. Kornegay, Stephenson, Sorensen, and Nichols also expressed concern for the showing of obscene or pornographic films; and spoke against censorship. Drs. Kornegay and Stephenson, however, said they could not support the proposed policy. Ms. Heidbreder gave the legal interpretation that any policy the University implements would be subject to applicable state law; should there be one that regulates obscenity, the student organizations would have to police themselves. She said universities are not required to have a body to review films before showing on campus.

The motion to approve the proposed policy passed.

Dr. Torgersen reminded Council that this action was advisory to the President and that the policy is not immediately implemented with the vote. Before implementation he will further investigate the legal implications.


Mr. Savage said that, as Chair of the University EO/AA Committee, he appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, including representatives of the Faculty Senate, women’s organizations, and the administration. The committee came forth with this policy which follows federal guidelines and establishes procedures for handling complaints.

Dr. Conn moved that the Sexual Harrasment Policy be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed.


At the request of Dr. Perry, this Resolution was deferred to the Commission on Undergraduate Studies. (For description, see Item 8 of Minutes of University Council Meeting of December 7, 1987.)

8. FIRST READING: COMPUTER COMMITTEE, SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT POLICY, (SEE COMPUTER COMMITTEE MINUTES, NOVEMBER 4, 1987, AGENDA ITEM 3.)

Dr. Heterick asked that this policy be deferred. It will be brought before Council at the next meeting in the format of a resolution for first reading.

9. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, 1987-88C, RESOLUTION CONCERNING EVENT APPROVAL (SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION FOR CSA 9 (5/7/87))

This resolution provides that lists of events proposed for sponsorship by student organizations but not approved by University administrative personnel will be distributed monthly to the Commission on Student Affairs; the Commission has the right to hear appeals from those organizations whose events were not approved. Dr. Sullivan said the resolution creates a new step in the event approval process in the distribution of events not
approved. The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

10. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.


b. Commission on Research, November 11, 1987; Dr. Conn pointed out that in the first paragraph of Item 7, the Commission on Faculty Affairs, rather than the Faculty Senate, has indicated the current policy on Academic and Research Misconduct will be reexamined.

c. Commission on Student Affairs, November 12, 1987

11. MINUTES DISTRIBUTED FOR INFORMATION:


12. QUESTION PERIOD

Dr. Conn said there is concern on behalf of the Faculty Senate officers in regard to apparent frustration among members of the EO/AA Committee about inactivity in affirmative action. He indicated the Commission on Faculty Affairs may take a look at the issue of child care. Dr. Conn said the Child Care Committee is not clear about its charge. Dr. Torgersen said he had met with Dr. Maxwell, Chair of the Child Care Committee, and that committee recommendations are expected in April.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage  
Executive Assistant  
to the President

LKS:gf
Dr. Torgersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Torgersen, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Steiss (for Dr. Hooper), Dr. Cross (for Dr. Sullivan), Dr. Nichols, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Parson (for Dr. Smith), Dr. Johnson (for Dr. Geasler), Mr. Gherman, Dr. Conn, Dr. Heterick, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Seago, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Henneke, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Dr. Novak, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Choby, Mr. Baker, Mr. Donnelly, John Battiston (for Mr. Battaglia), Kenneth Abel (for Mr. Reynolds), Mr. Baird.

Guests: Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum; Dr. Douglas McAlister, Commission on Extension.

Absent: Dr. Steger, Dr. Stephenson, Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Eyre, Mr. Savage, Dr. Lovingwood, Dr. Misra, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Sullins, Dr. Patterson, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Murir.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Torgersen announced that he has been spending a lot of time in Richmond visiting with legislators. He reported that Virginia Tech's funding requests are being well received by legislators, and that it would probably be another month before approval is known.

Dr. Torgersen said he has been speaking to alumni groups around the state. He reported that the alumni are very positive and supportive of the University.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 1988

At the request of Dr. Bill Stephenson, Dr. Torgersen asked that the minutes of January 4 (Page 2, Paragraph 3, Line 3) be amended to include Dr. Stephenson's name, along with Dr. Kornegay, as having spoken against the policy on event approval.

The University Council minutes of the meeting of January 4, 1988 were approved as amended.


Dr. Cross said the Commission concurred with the resolution as presently written (See Minutes of January 4, 1988, Item 9). A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

5. FIRST READING: COMPUTER COMMITTEE, RESOLUTION 1, 1987-88, CONCERNING SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT
This resolution sets forth a "statement concerning intellectual rights and commends it to the attention of the University community," as follows:

Respect for intellectual labor and creativity is vital to academic discourse and enterprise. This principle applies to work of all authors and publishers in all media. It encompasses respect for the right to acknowledge, right to privacy, and right to determine the form, manner, and terms of publication and distribution.

Because electronic information is volatile and easily reproduced, respect for the work and personal expression of others is especially critical in computer environments. Violations of authorial integrity, including plagiarism, invasion of privacy, unauthorized access, and trade secret and copyright violations, may be grounds for sanctions against members of the academic community.

Dr. Heterick said this resolution is not to set policy for the University but to make the statement that other universities around the country are making. It is to remind the University community that even though it is quite easy technically to copy computer material, the material contains all the usual copyright and authorial privileges any other medium does.

In response to a question from Dr. Perry, Council agreed that, if approved, the resolution would be distributed as a policy memo; and, at that time, consideration would be given to further dissemination.

6. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, 1987-88D, RESOLUTION CONCERNING STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEY COURT REPRESENTATION

This resolution "recommends that court representation for certain cases involving students be instituted into the guidelines of the Student Legal Services Program."

The resolution was placed on the agenda by the Student Government Association, not the Commission on Student Affairs, in an attempt to speed up the process so that action could be taken and the change implemented before the current terms of student leaders expire. The resolution was also submitted to CSA, which subsequently amended it and took action upon it.

Dr. Perry asked for the term, "certain cases," to be defined. Council members expressed interest in seeing the guidelines.

Mr. Ridenor said the CSA should review the resolution and determine if it is consistent with the original intent of the Student Legal Services Program.

Mr. Donnelly withdrew the resolution since it is concurrently before the CSA and will come before Council for first reading at the next meeting.

7. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON EXTENSION, RESOLUTION 1988-A, CONCERNING CONSULTING ACTIVITIES FOR EXTENSION FACULTY.

Dr. Jim Johnson said that policy regarding consulting activities of extension faculty is set forth in the Faculty Handbook. The intent of the policy and procedures stated in this resolution is "to give further assurance that consulting approval is not granted for assistance that is the normal responsibility of faculty members within the Extension Division."

Dr. McAlister added that the resolution covers extension faculty, not extension agents who come under the classified system.

The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

8. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON EXTENSION, RESOLUTION 1988-B, CONCERNING
EXTENSION ASSOCIATE POSITION.

The Commission has found a need to have a position between those of extension faculty and extension agent in order to provide institutional fiscal flexibility in attracting and retaining professionals in non-faculty personnel categories. The resolution requests the state to establish an Extension Associate category to include all positions which do not logically fit into the current classified or faculty system.

Dr. Conn moved that the resolution be referred to the Commission on Faculty Affairs. The motion was seconded and carried.

9. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.

a. Commission on Extension, September 2, 1987; January 15, 1988. In response to a question about low attendance at the January 15 meeting, Dr. Torgersen will ask Dr. Geasler to encourage members to attend meetings of the Commission.

b. Commission on Faculty Affairs, November 6, November 20, December 4, December 18. In regard to items on Faculty Liability/Student Organizations, Dr. Conn said the Commission on Faculty Affairs is recommending (1) that all student organizations who want to be recognized must be recognized formally and (2) that these recognized organizations have an appointed faculty advisor. With a letter of appointment, faculty members would be serving these organizations as a part of their duties and would, therefore, be covered by the University's liability insurance.

Dr. Conn called attention to a segment of the November 20 minutes stating that recently enacted legislation provides that officers of certain non-profit organizations "will have immunity from liability if they are acting in an official capacity, are non-compensated, and are not driving a vehicle." He said that since a number of organizations have leaders who receive compensation, the Commission on Student Affairs will want to address this aspect of the issue.

Mr. Ridenour said it is very important that this resolution soon be brought back to Council for action. A number of other issues are pending this action.


d. Commission on Research, December 9, 1987; January 13, 1988. In regard to the Report of the Sub-Committee on Construction and Renovation attached to the December 9 minutes, Dr. Torgersen said he concurs with the examples and problems cited. He asked that the record show he acknowledges the concern that these issues need to be addressed in the not too distant future. Mr. Ridenour said Dr. Ford has been asked to make a full review of the facilities area. He said these problems and how to resolve them will be addressed. He said it will be determined if these are valid concerns and whether they are beyond the control of the office involved. Dr. Sorensen said the report does not overly react to the problem.

Dr. Arnold, in regard to Item 3C of the minutes of January 13, noted that Commission Research Resolution 86-87A, Policy and Procedures for Sponsored Programs Supported by the Virginia Tech Foundation, has been withdrawn.

e. Commission on Student Affairs, December 10, January 14 and 28. In regard to the December 10 minutes, Mr. Baker called Council's attention to the attached Collegiate Times article regarding the faculty liability issue.
10. For information only: Athletic Association Board of Directors Minutes, September 22, 1987; Communications Network Committee Minutes, December 15, 1987; Computer Committee Minutes, November 4, 1987; Minutes of the Committee on Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, December 8, 1987 and January 19, 1988; University Library Committee Minutes, January 6, 1988.

Dr. Torgersen said at the next meeting of Council Mr. Ridenour plans to distribute a proposed statement regarding the establishment of an athletic commission or committee. The proposal would come before Council at the following meeting on first reading.

In regard to the EO/AA Minutes of January 19, Dr. Arnold asked about distribution of the report "Toward the Year 2000: Affirmative Action at Virginia Tech." Dr. Torgersen said he would transmit the report to Deans, Department Heads, Directors, and University Council members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant
   to the President

LKS:gf
Minutes
University Council Meeting
March 7, 1988

Mr. Forbes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Forbes, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Bonham (for Dr. Sorensen), Dr. Smith, Dr. Stephenson, Dr. Wall (for Dr. Ritchey), Dr. Pyle (for Dr. Eyre), Dr. Johnson (for Dr. Geasler), Ms. Glazener (for Mr. Gherman), Mr. Savage, Dr. Conn, Mr. Donald (for Dr. Heterick), Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Seago, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Misra, Dr. Lovingood, Dr. Henneke, Dr. Scanlon (for Dr. Campbell), Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Dr. Sullins, Dr. Novak, Mr. Baker, Ms. Sadusky (for Mr. Donelly).

Guests: Joanne D. Eustis, Faculty Senate; Kevin J. Sutton; Philip J. Nolan, SGA; Scot Hoffman, Collegiate Times.

Absent: Dr. Torgersen, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Steger, Dr. Paterson, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Baird.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Forbes said he would chair the meeting in the absence of Dr. Torgersen, Dr. Perry, and Mr. Ridenour.

Due to a meeting of the Board of Visitors on March 21, the next meeting of Council will be held on April 4. Mr. Forbes reminded Council that no new policy resolutions are to be placed on the Agenda after April 4 unless there is favorable vote of three-fourths of Council members.

Dr. Conn said that Item 1, New Business, First Reading: Faculty Senate Resolution for the Creation of a Commission on Information systems, technically is an amendment to the University Council Constitution. He said a proposed amendment would be distributed to Council members.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 1988

The University Council minutes of the meeting of February 15, 1988 were approved as amended.


Mr. Forbes said Mr. Wayne Donald was available for questions and discussion of this resolution (for description see Minutes of University Council, February 15, 1988, Item 5). There were none. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

5. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON EXTENSION, RESOLUTION 1988-A, CONCERNING CONSULTING ACTIVITIES FOR EXTENSION FACULTY, FIRST READING FEBRUARY 15,
Mr. Forbes said Dr. Jim Johnson was available for questions regarding this resolution (for description, see Minutes of University Council, February 15, 1988, Item 7). There were none. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

6. FIRST READING: FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

This resolution proposes that a Commission on Information Systems be formed "to generate policy or review policy proposals regarding computing and information storage, transmission, or distribution" and that "the Communications Network Committee, the Library Committee and the Computer Committee be continued under their current composition as subcommittees of the commission."

A proposed amendment to the constitution of University Council was distributed, setting forth the composition of the Commission as follows: the Vice President for Information Systems, Chairperson; the Director of Communications Network Services (ex officio, nonvoting); the Director of the Computing Center (ex officio, nonvoting); the Director of the University Libraries (ex officio, nonvoting); the Executive Vice President for Business Affairs or designated representative (ex officio, nonvoting); one Administrative Representative from each of two Colleges, appointed by the President of the University; one Faculty Representative from each College, from the Library, and from the extra-collegiate Extension Division Faculty, elected by their faculty associations; two Senators of the Faculty Senate; one Undergraduate Student Representative; one Graduate Student Representative.

Mr. Savage reminded Council that the Constitution of University Council provides that an amendment be considered at two meetings prior to a vote and that a two-thirds affirmative vote of Council members would be necessary to pass the amendment. The amendment would also have to receive approval of the Faculty Senate, the President and the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Conn proposed that the resolution be referred to the Commission on Faculty Affairs, the Faculty Senate, and the Communications Network Committee, the Library Committee and the Computer Committee.

7. FIRST READING: RESOLUTION ON THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

This resolution, prepared and submitted to Council by Mr. Ridenour, recommends that a University Committee on Athletics be created in conjunction with the establishment of intercollegiate athletics as an auxiliary enterprise of the University. The composition of the committee is set forth as follows: nine faculty appointments: one nomination from each of the colleges, and one nomination from the Faculty Senate; two student appointments: one nomination from the Student Government Association, and one nomination from the Graduate Student Assembly; the following persons will serve as ex officio members, with vote, by virtue of their positions: Athletic Director, President's appointed faculty representative to the NCAA, Vice President for Student Affairs or designee, University official to whom athletics reports or designee, Executive Vice President of Alumni Association, Student Aid Association's staff designee. The chairperson will be appointed by the President.

Dr. Arnold asked, regarding the section, which reads "the Committee shall provide advice, as sought by the Athletic Director, on such matters...", whether the words "as sought by the Athletic Director" were intended to exclude other committee members from introducing items. She suggested editing the section to make it clear that advice can be given, even if not
sought by the Athletic Director.

Dr. Conn asked why there was no "resolution" to introduce the proposal.

Dr. Johnson asked why the extra-collegiate faculty were not represented. Mr. Forbes said the idea was to keep the committee from being large and unwieldy.

Mr. Baker pointed out that there were three undergraduate students on the Athletic Council, and the proposed committee membership reduces student representation to one undergraduate and one graduate. He said, with the amount of athletic fees charged students, they would like to maintain input on that committee.

Dr. Stephenson asked if other auxiliary services had University committees reporting to Council. Mr. Forbes said this would be a committee to help set policy for the auxiliary.

Since one of the responsibilities of the committee would be to evaluate the athletic director, Dr. Hennecke raised a question about the athletic director's being a voting member of the committee.

Mr. Savage said establishment of this committee would require a change in the Council Bylaws but not the Constitution. The proposal can be reviewed by all commissions during the time it is on the agenda. Mr. Forbes said that Dr. Torgersen wants to be sure that Council has adequate time to consider this item and recommends that it come before Council again on First Reading at the April 4 meeting. The proposal was carried forward on First Reading.

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8. FIRST READING: COMMISSION GRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1987-88A, CONCERNING DEPARTMENTAL DESIGNATIONS ON DIPLOMAS.

This resolution would give colleges a choice of designating program specialization on graduate diplomas or of remaining with the current practice of signifying common achievement across all disciplines.

Dr. Hooper said the resolution refers to graduate degrees and diplomas. Dr. Arnold asked that on Second Reading the resolution be amended to reflect this.

Dr. Conn asked that the resolution be referred to the Faculty Senate.

9. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.


10. For information, Council received the Minutes of the following meetings: Building Committee Minutes, November 4, 1987; Communications Network Committee Minutes, January 12, 1988; Minutes of the Committee on Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, February 9, 1988; and University Library Committee Minutes, February 1, 1988. Dr. Conn asked for clarification of Item II.1.a) in the Library Committee Minutes regarding moving the film collection in the Learning Resources Center to the Library. The wording of these minutes indicate that a proposal has been made and plans are proceeding; however, it is the perception of the faculty that plans are being made for a proposal. Ms. Eustis indicated the latter was true, not
the former, and that an appropriate amendment to the minutes would be made.

11. Mr. Forbes said the report, "Toward the Year 2000, Affirmative Action at Virginia Tech," is well done and represents very thoughtful work on behalf of a number of people. Dr. Arnold expressed concern that minorities were specifically identified as "black" and that she would want this University to be sensitive to Mexican-Americans and Asians as well. Mr. Savage said the report was especially concerned about blacks here since twenty-two percent of Virginia's population is black. However, the Committee has said that in the future more attention would have to be shown to concern about other minorities.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant
to the President

LKS:gf
Dr. Torgersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Torgersen, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Boyd (for Dr. Nichols), Dr. Crofts (for Dr. Doswald), Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Geasler, Mr. Gherman, Mr. Savage, Dr. Conn, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Seago, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Lovingood, Dr. Henneke, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Scanlon (for Dr. Blieszner), Dr. Paterson, Dr. Novak, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Baker, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Abel (for Mr. Reynolds).

Guests: Ms. Tomlinson, Panhellenic Council President; Mr. Hampton, Mr. Dudeck, Interfraternity Council; Mr. Ashby, Spectrum; Dr. Geyer, Student Legal Services Board.

Absent: Dr. Steger, Dr. Smith, Dr. Stephenson, Dr. Eyre, Dr. Heterick, Dr. Misra, Dr. Sullins, Mr. Choby, Mr. Murir, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Baird.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Torgersen reminded Council that a three-fourths affirmative vote would be required to place policy resolutions on the agenda after this date.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Torgersen recommended that the agenda be amended as follows:

a. Add Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution 1987-88A, Review of New Faculty Appointments, as Item 10.

b. Add appointment of search committees for Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice President for Business Affairs, as Item 11.

c. Add to the approval of the minutes of the Commission on Faculty Affairs the minutes of February 12 and March 11, 1988.

d. Change remaining item numbers to reflect the above additions.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 1988

The University Council minutes of the meeting of March 7, 1988, were approved as distributed.

Dr. Hooper said the language of the resolution (for description, see Minutes of University Council, March 7, 1988, Item 8) had been changed so that it relates only to "graduate" diplomas. Dr. Perry said the change would be effective in 1989. In response to a question about cross-college program specialization, Dr. Hooper said the colleges involved would have to agree on the designation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. The motion carried.


For a description of this proposed amendment to the Constitution of University Council, please see the Minutes of University Council of March 7, 1988. Dr. Campbell, on behalf of the University Library Committee, asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting to allow the University Library Committee opportunity to fully consider it. The Secretary of Council has received a report from the Communications Network Committee about the proposal. This item was deferred until the next meeting of Council.

6. FIRST READING: CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE.

Dr. Conn said that the proposed revision codifies previous amendments but also includes significant changes that would expand Faculty Senate membership to include extra-collegiate, extension faculty and to increase representation to three senators from each college and two each from the Library and Extension. Total membership would increase from 40 to 51 members. "Semester" is exchanged for "quarter" throughout the document. Ratification requires two-thirds approval in a faculty referendum, with at least one-half of the faculty voting and approval of University Council. This item was carried forward for second reading.

7. FIRST READING: RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS.

This resolution recommends that a University Committee on Athletics be created in conjunction with the establishment of intercollegiate athletics as an auxiliary enterprise of the University. (For additional information, see the Minutes of University Council, March 7, 1988, Item 7.)

Mr. Ridenour said that the original resolution had been amended to include revisions suggested March 7. These include the appointment to the committee of extra-collegiate faculty, an additional student (one scholarship athlete), and the Athletic Director as an ex officio, non-voting, member.

Dr. Conn proposed that under the section on proposed membership, "collegiate" be substituted for "academic" faculty representative. Dr. Geasler pointed out that "one non-collegiate faculty nominated by the Faculty Senate" would be appropriate if the proposed revision on the Constitution of the Faculty Senate is passed; otherwise it would not be appropriate for the Faculty Senate to nominate non-collegiate faculty.

The last paragraph of the resolution reading, "The Committee shall meet monthly during the eight months of the academic year..." was
amended to read, "The Committee shall meet monthly during the academic year..."

This modified resolution was carried forward for second reading.

University Council Meeting
April 4, 1988

8. FIRST READING: RESOLUTION FOR A COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT AID COMMITTEE.

This resolution proposes that the name of the Scholarship and Student Aid Committee be changed to the Scholarships and Financial Aid Committee.

Dr. Perry said that the proposed change is a "housekeeping matter." He said that the committee does not grant athletic scholarships to student athletes, and this name change would reduce confusion with the Student Aid Association which is involved with athletic scholarships.

This resolution was carried forward for second reading.

9. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 1987-88D, CONCERNING STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEY COURT REPRESENTATION

Dr. Sullivan said this resolution "recommends that court representation for certain cases involving students be instituted into the guidelines of the Student Legal Services Program." The resolution first came before Council February 15, 1988, but was withdrawn since it was concurrently before the Commission on Student Affairs. (See Minutes of Council, February 15, Item 6.) Dr. Cross said when the Student Legal Services Program was established limitations were placed on this level of service.

Mr. Baker distributed an SGA summary report about the Student Legal Services program and a document prepared by the SLS attorney reflecting cases that would have been appropriate for court representation by the SLS attorney. Mr. Baker pointed out items in the summary report relating to the importance of the SLS attorney being an independent contractor, not an employee of the University; the Student Government Association providing the budget; the grievance procedure which provides appeal to the SLS Board; the future of SLS; and a comparison of SLS to corresponding services at other universities. In addition, the report includes a Policy Statement, approved by the SLS Board and CSA, supporting court representation in landlord/tenant disputes, personal injury-defense, and consumer matters; and prohibiting court representation in criminal charges, personal injury-plaintiff, domestic relations, and immigration matters.

Dr. Torgersen asked if this item should remain on First Reading for the next meeting of Council, because the information was not distributed in advance. The consensus was to let it advance to second reading.

Dr. Sorenson asked whether the Policy Statement regarding court representation conflicted with the document "Cases Appropriate for SLS Representation." It was explained that the latter was prepared by the SLS attorney to reflect which cases might have been appropriate for court representation; the former sets forth guidelines for the SLS attorney to follow if Council approves this resolution.
Dr. Perry asked if cases involving traffic arrests and/or intoxication would be criminal or civil offenses. Dr. Geyer explained that these would be criminal offenses and that the SLS attorney could discuss such cases with a student but could not represent the student in court.

In response to a question from Dr. Seago, Mr. Baker said staffing requirements could change as a result of this proposal, but the Student Budget Board would have to allocate additional funds. He said that the intent is to make the most of what is available now, not to expand the service. In response to a question by Dr. Arnold, Dr. Geyer said that if the attorney opts to take a case to court, the student would then get "free representation." Dr. Geyer also noted that the contract agreement prohibits the attorney from using the SLS program as an avenue for other business.

In response to a question by Dr. Seago about whether students would expect representation because part of their fees go to "free legal representation," it was explained that an unhappy student could appeal to the SLS Board under the grievance procedure about not receiving court representation by the SLS attorney. Dr. Geyer said this information should be a part of student information.

10. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS RESOLUTION 1987-88E, CONCERNING FRATERNITY AND SORORITY SEMESTER RUSH.

This resolution calls for a change in current policy which prohibits fraternity and sorority rushing of first quarter freshmen. If approved, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council would "determine the appropriate dates for semester rush" and "first semester freshmen will be able to pledge a Greek organization." Ms. Tomlinson (President of PHC), Mr. Hampton (past President of IFC), and Mr. Dudeck (current President of IFC) distributed to Council two documents, one comparing the QCA of fraternity, sorority, and all campus students, and the other explaining the position of Greek letter organizations. The students argued that under the present policy and the semester system, a freshman student would pledge a Greek organization in the Spring Semester of the freshman year and then be initiated in the Fall Semester of the sophomore year. Under the proposed policy, if the 2.0 QCA and 12 semester credit hour requirements are met during the rush period (Fall Semester), initiation could take place in the Spring Semester of the freshman year.

Dr. Arnold made the point that Greek organizations are exclusive organizations, in that new members are selected by the membership, and comparisons cannot be made with other, inclusive organizations.

Mr. Baker said two issues of the resolution are (1) how the change would affect academics, and (2) freedom of choice to affiliate with an organization.

The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

11. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS RESOLUTION 1987-88F, CONCERNING STUDENT REPRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

With this resolution, the Senate of the Student Government Association requests an amendment to the Constitution of Council to reflect "a percentage division of the University Council members, with the number of undergraduate student representatives at approx-
Implementing this resolution would require a Consitutional revision and thus requires a three-fourths majority vote of Council.

Mr. Donnelly said that the objectives of this resolution are to increase the percentage of student representation on Council and to provide opportunity for the student body to be more participatory. Mr. Baker said the students feel they are under-represented.

Dr. Hennecke raised the question of the extra representatives being elected at-large.

Dr. Hooper said he would prefer to hear a different argument in support of this resolution in that University Council does not have proportional representation of all constituencies.

The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

12. FIRST READING, COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1987-88A, TRANSFER CREDIT/REQUIRED MEDICAL DROP.

This resolution first came before Council on December 7 and was referred to the CUS for review by the Health Evaluating Committee. Dr. Perry said the consensus of the Commission was to withdraw the resolution (see Minutes, Commission on Undergraduate Studies, January 11, 1988, Item 4.). The referenced minutes state that, "The consensus of this group was that mixing an academic drop penalty or sanction with a medical judgment would open the University to litigation." The resolution was withdrawn and removed from the agenda of Council.

13. FIRST READING, COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1987-88B, ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUED ENROLLMENT

This resolution sets forth a more complete definition of the phrase, "making satisfactory progress towards a degree."

Dr. Perry said the existing explanation of the phrase relates to QCA. The resolution states that all students must meet the following minimum criteria to be certified as making satisfactory progress toward a degree:

a. Have an overall QCA at or above that specified in the academic eligibility schedule at the end of the Spring Semester.

b. Upon having attempted 36 semester credits, students must have passed at least 12 semester credits that apply to meeting the University Core Curriculum requirements.

c. Upon having attempted 72 semester credits students must:

1) Have passed at least 24 semester credits which apply to meeting the University Core Curriculum requirements

2) Be enrolled in a degree granting program
3) Be certified at the close of the academic year by their department as making satisfactory progress toward a degree based upon pre-established minimum criteria from departmental checksheets which must be met for departmental certification.

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d. Upon having attempted 96 semester credits, students must have an in-major QCA of 2.0 or above.

Mr. Donnelly said it was possible for someone to have a 4.0 without having completed the core courses. Mr. Abel said the proposed criteria would work against him because he had postponed taking core courses after transferring from one college to another so that he wouldn't fall behind peers in his major; yet he had a QCA above 3.5.

The resolution was carried forward for second reading.

14. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 1987-88C, ASSIGNMENT OF NG GRADES.

This resolution establishes policy that "an indicator grade of 'NG' will be assigned for all missing grades." Dr. Perry said that the "NG" indicator would remain on the academic record and the resulting QCA is that of an "F" grade if no other action is taken to assign another grade or remove the "NG" indicator.

This resolution was carried forward for second reading.

15. FIRST READING: COMMISSION ON FACULTY AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 1987-88A, REVIEW OF NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

This resolution, if approved, establishes policy "that a review and recommendation by the applicable departmental or divisional committee dealing with promotion, tenure and/or continued appointment shall be sought before a decision is made to extend to a prospective appointee a firm offer that includes the granting of tenure or continued appointment or the award of a rank higher than Assistant Professor."

This resolution was carried forward for second reading.

16. APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SEARCH COMMITTEES FOR THE POSITIONS OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Dr. Perry presented a proposal for composition of a Search Committee for the Vice President for Student Affairs and asked for Council's endorsement. As presented membership would include Dr. Perry, chair; President, SGA; President, Class of 1989; 2 faculty members from Council membership; 1 faculty member not serving on Council, and 2 Student Affairs Division faculty members. Mr. Baker suggested, and Dr. Perry agreed, to add the President of the Residence Hall Federation. The proposal received a unanimous vote of support from Council.

Mr. Ridenour apologized for overlooking the need to seek Council's approval of appointments to the Search Committee for Vice President for Business Affairs. This committee has been appointed and has
met once; and its membership is composed of: Charles Forbes, David Ford, Dana Johnson, Larry Killough, Jack Osborne, Diane Robertshaw, Dwight Shelton, Charles Steger. Of these members, two serve on Council. With a motion and second, the appointments received Council's endorsement.

17. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.

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a. Commission on Faculty Affairs, January 29, February 12, March 11, 1988

b. Commission on Graduate Studies, February 17, 1988

c. Commission on Research, February 10, 1988

d. Commission on Student Affairs, February 11, March 10, 1988

e. Commission on Undergraduate Studies, November 9, December 14, January 11, excepting Item 6.

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In response to a question about the December 14 Minutes of the Athletic Association Board of Directors, Mr. Ridenour will clarify a statement in the Auditors' Report section, relating to a debt of the Athletic Association and report to Council at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant to the President

LKS:gf
Dr. Torgersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Perry, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Cross (for Dr. Sullivan), Dr. Steger, Dr. Crofts (for Dr. Doswald), Dr. Bonham (for Dr. Sorensen), Dr. Smith, Dr. Kurstedt, Dr. Eyre, Dr. Johnson (for Dr. Geasler), Mr. Gherman, Mr. Savage, Dr. Scanlon (for Dr. Conn), Dr. Heterick, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Misra, Dr. Lovingood, Dr. Henneke, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Dr. Ritchey, Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Paterson) Dr. Novak, Mr. Baker, Mr. Morris, Mr. Abel (for Mr. Reynolds).

Guests: Mr. Richard M. Dudek, Interfraternity Council; Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum.

Absent: Mr. Forbes, Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Seago, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Sullins, Dr. Paterson, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Choby, Mr. Murir, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Baird.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Torgersen announced that Mr. David Baker was re-elected President of the Student Government Association; Mr. Brad Morris was elected as Vice President, replacing Mr. Rex Donnelly.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for May 2. If all business of Council is not finished on that date, an additional meeting will be held on May 16, the first day of exam week.

Dr. Torgersen distributed an article from the New York Times on racism on the University of Michigan campus.

In regard to a news story which appeared in the weekend papers about the signing of a basketball player with questionable academic credentials, Dr. Torgersen informed Council that he had been in contact with Mr. Braine who said he has reservations about admitting this student. More information will be available at the next meeting of Council.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Torgersen asked that the agenda be amended to include under New Business a report to clarify the debt service payment for the Athletic Association in response to a question raised at the last meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 1988

The University Council minutes of the meeting of April 4, 1988, were approved as corrected. Under "Guests," Dr. Geyer attended as a member of the Student Legal Services Board. Item 7, second paragraph, "These include the appointment to the committee of EXTENSION FACULTY, changed to read, "EXTRA-COLLEGIATE FACULTY."
4. FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS (FIRST READING, MARCH 7, 1988).

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For a description of this proposed amendment to the Constitution of University Council, please see the Minutes of University Council of March 7, 1988.

Dr. Scanlon moved, at the request of the Commission on Faculty Affairs, to table the resolution and for Council to establish a task force to study the function of all committees and commissions which report to Council. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn and replaced by two motions; one to table this resolution, and one to establish a task force. The motions were seconded.

Dr. Perry said that up to this point commissions were of two kinds: the three which are related to the three missions of the University, and those associated with the two primary constituencies, faculty and students. Now, he said, we are getting into commissions which could have as their responsibility something rather different. We should define for ourselves, as a University, where the scope of commissions leave off and the scope of University committees come in. We should also determine why there are communication problems with University committees.

The motion to create a Council task force to study the function of committees and commissions passed.

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The motion to table the resolution for creation of a Commission on Information Systems passed.

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5. SECOND READING: CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE (FIRST READING, APRIL 4, 1988)

For a description of this proposed revision of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, please see the Minutes of Council of April 4.

At the request of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Scanlon moved to table this resolution. The motion was seconded and passed.

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For a description of this proposed amendment to the Constitution of University Council, please see the Minutes of Council of April 4. Dr. Torgersen said he received a very positive letter from the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association asking for representation on the committee. The proposed composition of the committee does not include a representative from the Alumni Board, although it provides for representation of the Student Aid Association and includes the Executive Vice President of the Alumni Association. Dr. Torgersen said athletics are important to alumni, and he thinks the alumni should have a seat on the committee. However, he said he would not wish to change what is clearly a dominant faculty majority. He asked that this item be deferred for two weeks at which time an amendment may be offered. If an alumni position on this committee were created, the Alumni Association would be asked to nominate two individuals for the position with appointment made by the President.

The resolution was deferred until the next meeting of Council.
7. SECOND READING: RESOLUTION FOR A COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT AID COMMITTEE (FIRST READING, APRIL 4).

For description of this resolution, please see the Minutes of Council of April 4. Dr. Perry said the proposed change would be "cosmetic" in nature to eliminate confusion with the Student Aid Association. A motion was made and seconded to pass the resolution. The motion passed.


For a description of this resolution, please see the Minutes of Council of April 4, 1988. Dr. Torgersen said he received a letter from Mr. Bill Broaddus, an attorney and member of the Board of Visitors, who asked, regarding the Virginia Code of Professional Responsibility, whether a third party may limit the type of activities a lawyer may take on with his clients. Mr. Broaddus suggested that we get an opinion from the Attorney General's Office. Dr. Torgersen said Ms. Claire Guthrie, Deputy Attorney General, does not think there is a problem, but she will speak with Mr. Broaddus. Dr. Torgersen said he, personally, has no problem with the resolution but would like to wait two weeks to be sure the resolution is not in conflict with the canons of ethics.

Mr. Baker said he considered it out of line to bring this to the attention of the Board of Visitors before it cleared Council because it might influence the decision of Council members.

The resolution was deferred for two weeks.


For description of this resolution, please see the Minutes of Council of April 4, 1988. Dr. Perry asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting of Council to give the Commission on Undergraduate Studies opportunity to react to it. Dr. Torgersen said it would be important to the students for Council to act on this resolution this year so implementation may be made next fall if the resolution is passed by Council. The resolution was deferred.

10. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 1987-88F, CONCERNING STUDENT REPRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (FIRST READING, APRIL 4, 1988).

For description of this resolution, please see the Minutes of Council of April 4, 1988. Mr. Baker asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting of Council and that Council discussion would be welcome at this time. He said the SGA does not always have the capability to represent the opinions of groups such as the Corps of Cadets, black students, and international students.

Dr. Hooper, who said he favors the resolution, added that it is very important that Council hear the opinions of the students, but a certain number would not ensure representation. Dr. Perry said this resolution does not ensure that certain groups are represented. Dr. Ritchey said a more
proportional representation might also be applied to faculty groups and administrators. Ms. Eustis reminded Council that the Self-Study recommends that University Council be reduced, not enlarged, in size.

The resolution was deferred.


Dr. Perry said that the intent of this resolution is to ensure that students are making satisfactory progress towards a degree by defining "satisfactory progress." Dr. Perry said that the policy would ensure that students are pursuing an approved program or meeting core requirements, and that impact on recruitment of transfer students would be minimal because of admission requirements of this group. Extenuating circumstances could be excepted by deans. The policy would apply to all students as of Fall of 1990.

A motion for approval was made and seconded. The motion passed.

12. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, RESOLUTION 87-88C, ASSIGNMENT OF NG GRADES (FIRST READING, APRIL 4, 1988).

Dr Perry said this resolution was proposed to overcome the "mysterious blank" on grade reports when no grade is present for a course. The "NG" is the designation for no grade report.

A motion to approve the resolution was made and seconded. In response to a question, Dr. Perry said the registrar's office would be asked to contact the appropriate faculty member when no grade is reported and the grade report reflects an NG designation. He added that the NG is recorded as an "F."

The motion passed.


For a description of this resolution, see Item 15, minutes of University Council meeting of April 4, 1988. Dr. Scanlon moved approval. The motion was seconded and passed.

14. EXCEPTED ITEM: MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, JANUARY 11, 1988, ITEM 6.; "THE COURSE CRITERIA COMMITTEE REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY PROF. D.E. EGGER. A MOTION TO APPROVE ENGR 3024, MATERIALS AND HUMANKIND WAS SECONDED AND PASSED."

Dr. Henneke said he asked that this item be excepted because he wanted the course to be named "Materials and Man." Dr. Perry, speaking on behalf of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies, explained that exception was taken by some members of CUS to what would appear to some to be sexist language in the proposed name. CUS requested the department to consider other possibilities for entitled the course. He said CUS realizes that dictionaries define "man" and "mankind" to include all people; however, the Commission is trying to be sensitive to these concerns.
Dr. Henneke said this course has been offered for about 12 years. He said this course title is not intended to be negative towards females. However, he said, "man" has two meanings: (1) male and (2) the human race. In addition, he said anthropology is defined as the study of "man," thereby further indicating that the word, "man" has been used as a generic term. Dr. Henneke said he would like to stay with original course title, "Man and Materials," because it is alliterative and simple. The course teaches how civilization has progressed through understanding material properties from pre-stone age to modern society.

In response to a statement by Mr. Gherman that this word offends part of the University community, Dr. Henneke said he appreciates this, but the issue of censorship must also be considered. He said he felt the word was not wrong when it was used properly, and he said changing the name of the course affected academic freedom.

Dr. Randolph said other courses in the catalog have similar names, such as, "Environment and Man." Dr. Perry explained that those were approved at an earlier time. Dr. Arnold said the issue is not a matter of giving offense but the level of consciousness; on the other hand, she said, she believes that a professor should be able to call a course what he wants.

Dr. Perry moved that CUS be asked to reconsider the course title. The motion was seconded. Dr. Henneke asked that he be allowed to speak to CUS. Dr. Perry agreed to this and also suggested that the issue of consistency be addressed.

Dr. Blieszner asked what are the consequences of a negative vote. Dr. Torgersen said the University Council then would address the exception. He said Council has the right to change course names.

The motion passed.

15. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.

a. Commission on Graduate Studies, March 16, 1988. Dr. Hooper called attention to Item 5., Scheduling of Preliminary Examination, which refers to the wording of the policy in the Policy and Procedures Manual and the Graduate Catalog. Dr. Torgersen asked Council if it preferred to have the item in the form of a resolution. Council agreed to a suggestion that a memorandum from the Graduate School to faculty be issued on this subject.


c. Commission on Student Affairs, March 24.

16. In response to a question about the December 14 Minutes of the Athletic Association Board of Directors, Dr. Torgersen asked Dr. Steger to clarify a statement indicating that the University had absorbed a $500,000 debt of the Athletic Association. Dr. Steger read to Council minutes of the Athletic Association Board of Directors stating: "On June 25, Mr. Ridenour will ask the Executive Committee of the Foundation to cover the $560,000 capital debt until the athletic fundraising campaign is under way."

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant
to the President

LKS:gf
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Dr. Torgersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Ridenour, Dr. Perry, Dr. Teekell (for Dr. Hooper), Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Steger, Dr. Doswald, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Smith, Dr. Kurstedt (for Dr. Stephenson), Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Cordes (for Dr. Eyre), Dr. Johnson (for Dr. Geasler), Mr. Gherman, Mr. Savage, Dr. Conn, Dr. Heterick, Dr. Van Krey, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Lovingood, Dr. Henneke, Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Campbell), Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Kornegay, Dr. Blieszner, Dr. Sullins, Dr. Paterson, Dr. Novak, Mr. Baker, Mr. Morris, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Abel (for Mr. Reynolds).

Guests: Dr. Scanlon, Faculty Senate; Mr. Ashby, Spectrum; Mr. Dudek, Interfraternity Council; Mr. Ostroth, Student Affairs Division.

Absent: Mr. Forbes, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Misra, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Choby, Mr. Murir, Mr. Baird.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Torgersen recognized those Council members whose terms expire and are, therefore, attending their last meeting: Drs. Conn, Van Krey, Randolph, Misra, Campbell, Ludwig, Kornegay, Paterson, Novak, and Messrs. Ritter, Branch, Fentress, Donnelly, Reynolds, and Baird.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Torgersen asked for a motion to amend the agenda by moving Item 1., New Business, Commission on Student Affairs, Resolution 1987-88G, Concerning Registration of Student Organizations, to Item 5., Old Business. He said Council had referred this item to the Commission on Faculty Affairs, and it should, therefore, come back before Council on Second Reading; this means that approval requires only a majority affirmative vote.

Dr. Torgersen also asked that under Old Business, a new item, Item 6., be added as follows: Excepted Item: Minutes of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies, January 11, 1988, Item 6.; "The Course Criteria Committee Report was presented by Prof. D.E. Egger. A motion to approve ENGR 3024, Materials and Humankind was seconded and passed."

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 1988

The University Council minutes of the meeting of April 18, 1988 were corrected to include Ms. Eustis (for Dr. Paterson) among those present. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

4. SECOND READING: RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS (FIRST READING, APRIL 4, 1988).
For a description of this proposal, see the Minutes of Council of April 4, 1988. Dr. Smith offered an amendment to this resolution, adding "one college dean nominated by the college deans" to the membership of the University Committee on Athletics. Dr. Smith said membership of a dean would assure that collegiate issues are recognized and become part of the fabric of the Athletic Association, their behavior and their goals. The motion to amend the resolution was seconded and passed.

An editorial correction was made changing "one noncollegiate faculty..." to "one extracollegiate faculty..."

Dr. Arnold asked for the rationale of having membership of an alumni representative rather than a representative of the Alumni Association. Dr. Torgersen said he feels that alumni need to be represented on this committee because athletics is very important to them, and alumni voices should be heard. In response to a question from Dr. Arnold regarding problems arising on a national level in regard to athletic programs due to alumni involvement, Dr. Torgersen said that two alumni on a committee of twenty will not dominate a meeting.

Dr. Sullins said that during his tenure on the present Athletic Council, one of the most insightful and thoughtful members was the alumni representative. Dr. Sorensen added that the alumni will find some other means for involvement in athletics if not included on this committee, and he would prefer that they be represented on the committee.

With a call to question, a vote was taken. The amended resolution passed.

5. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 1987-88D, PROPOSING COURT REPRESENTATION FOR CERTAIN CASES IN STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM (FIRST READING, APRIL 4, 1988).

For a description of this resolution, please see Item 9 of the Minutes of Council of April 4, 1988. Dr. Torgersen suggested that a little more checking be done before the policy is implemented, if approved.

In response to a question from Dr. Henneke, Mr. Baker said that the Student Legal Services Board would review and evaluate the program to insure that it is meeting the needs of the student population and would determine whether an additional attorney should be engaged.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. The motion passed.


This resolution would eliminate University policy prohibiting fraternity and sorority rushing of first quarter freshmen. For description, please see Item 10 of the Minutes of Council of April 4, 1988. At the meeting of Council on April 18, this resolution was deferred to the Commission on Undergraduate Studies for review. Dr. Perry reported that CUS would endorse the resolution if amended to include a proviso "that the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils pledge that initiation of Freshmen, which
will not take place until the second semester, be restricted to those with at least a 2.0 QCA prior to any application of the Freshman Rule." Dr. Perry reminded Council that the "freshman rule" allows freshmen to replace two grades for courses taken in the freshman year, for QCA purposes, by others although the original courses and grades remain on the transcript. (A copy of the proposed amendment was distributed.)

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A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment as stated above.

Mr. Dudek, President of the IFC, said that the IFC accepted the amendment. Dr. Perry said that current policy requires a QCA of 2.0, but that the policy previously was applied later in the year. Mr. Baker said that the Greeks are not opposed to this amendment and that they are concerned about academic standards.

A vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Dr. Kornegay asked for a description of the sequence of events that would take place as a result of this change in policy. Mr. Hampton replied that three to four weeks after students first arrive on campus, fraternities and sororities would have a rush period lasting two weeks, and a freshman might receive a bid to pledge an organization. The pledges would be initiated at the beginning of the second semester after grades are reported.

The amended resolution was passed with some negative votes.

7. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, RESOLUTION 1987-88F, CONCERNING STUDENT REPRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (FIRST READING, APRIL 4, 1988).

This resolution proposes that undergraduate student members constitute approximately 20 percent of the membership of Council. For a description, please see Minutes of Council of April 4, 1988. Mr. Baker withdrew this resolution.


This resolution is a revision of CSA Resolution 1: 1/8/87. For description and review of discussion please see Minutes of Council of April 6, April 20, and May 18, 1987. On May 18, 1987, Council voted to refer this resolution to the Commission on Faculty Affairs. The resolution was amended by the CFA and sent to the Commission on Student Affairs which rejected the amended resolution. A joint committee of the CFA and CSA met and prepared the proposed resolution, CSA Resolution 1987-88G, as stated above, and both Commissions approved it.

The resolution calls for the dissolution of the Student Constitutional Affairs Board and the implementation of a registration procedure which requires that a student group must submit registration documents annually to the Office of Student Organizations. The CSA must approve the registration documents in order for the group to become registered. Once registered, student organizations would then be afforded the privilege of conducting activities at Virginia Tech and would be one of three types:

a. Those designated as 'primarily academic in nature' by a Dean or Department Head who assigns an academic advisor.
b. Student organizations which have a faculty or staff advisor/coach, the assignment of whom is specified by an appropriate supervisor,

c. Other student organizations which do not have faculty advisors.

Dr. Sullivan said said Tau Beta Phi, an engineering society, would be an example of an organization that is "academic in nature." The VT Union, New Virginians, the Extramural Sports Club, and student chapters of professional organizations would be examples of the second category, those having a faculty or staff advisor/coach; the LaCrosse Club is a member of the Extramural Sports Club and also would qualify as an organization of the second category. The VT Ice Hockey Club is not a member of Extramural Sports and thus does not qualify. Small interest groups, such as the Bridge Club which may or may not have a faculty advisor and which has no real reason to have a formal constitution or advisor, would be a registered organization of the third category.

Dr. Ostroth said the purpose of the policy is to ensure that faculty are protected from becoming personally liable for actions of student organizations. Dr. Torgersen said that the purpose is for faculty advisors to have an official connection so that faculty will have liability protection. Dr. Sullivan said Student Affairs is also interested in freeing some of the small groups from having to have a formal constitution in order to use University facilities; the policy would make it easier for some of these organizations to exist. Dr. Conn said the key is to have a documented assignment.

Dr. Novak raised a question about a situation when a faculty member, not the advisor, is driving students to a meeting at another locality and the liability incurred in the event of an accident. Dr. Arnold said the policy would seem to draw the University into more exposure to liability suits rather than less. Mr. Ridenour replied that if faculty are acting on behalf of the University in an official capacity they would be covered. Dr. Arnold asked who would make decisions about "appropriate supervisors." Mr. Ostroth replied that often a faculty member would ask department head for an appointment letter, although in some cases such appointments may be made through the Provost's Office. Dr. Arnold expressed concern about points of procedure being unclear.

Dr. Perry said the procedures could be clarified at a later time and should not be a part of the policy. Mr. Baker said it would be beneficial to have some type of outline of what category an organization would fall under. Dr. Kornegay said that organizations which fall under the second category would have to have documentation of faculty advisors at the time of registration and at that point whoever makes the decision can then take the steps necessary. Dr. Perry agreed, saying that at the moment certain procedures about the liability issue are undefined, but that he would rather have something in place than continue to have nothing.

Dr. Scanlon suggested a change deleting the word "may" from the paragraph beginning "Resolved the Student Affairs Board be abolished as a subcommittee of the Commission on Student Affairs and may be replaced by a registration procedure..."

A motion was made and seconded to pass the resolution as edited. The motion passed.

9. SECOND READING: COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, EXCEPTED ITEM,
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 1988, ITEM 6.; "THE COURSE CRITERIA COMMITTEE REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY PROF. D.E. EGGER. A MOTION TO APPROVE ENGR 3024, MATERIALS AND HUMANKIND WAS SECONDED AND PASSED."

This item (for description of the item see Item 14 of the Minutes of Council of April 18, 1988) relates to the naming of the course Engineering 3024. It was referred April 18 to the Commission on Undergraduate Studies for reconsideration, but Dr. Perry reported that a motion to replace the course title, "Materials and Humankind," with the title, "Materials and Man," failed in CUS.

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Dr. Henneke moved that the course title, "Materials and Humankind," be replaced with the title, "Materials and Man." In response to questions of consistency, Dr. Perry said that other courses with similar titles have not recently come before CUS, and the Commission did not wish, at this time, to go back and look at all existing courses. Mr. Gherman pointed out that course titles published in the catalog have an effect on the University's image and that the English Department is using the word "humanity." Mr. Ridenor expressed concern about Council taking action on the naming of a course. Dr. Torgersen said it was unusual but not illegal.

The motion failed with 12 favorable votes, and 15 opposed.

Dr. Perry said that CUS has asked him to bring the issue of reviewing course titles for sexist language to the attention of an ad hoc committee studying the graduate catalog.

10. IN SUCCESSIVE MOTIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.


b. Commission on Student Affairs, April 14.

c. Commission on Undergraduate Studies, January 25, February 8, March 14, March 28.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon K. Savage
Executive Assistant
to the President

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