Dr. Steger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

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

2. **Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 30, 2009**

Dr. Steger noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the Web (http://www.governance.vt.edu). (Note that the meeting scheduled for April 6, 2009, was cancelled.)

3. **Announcement – Tuition Increase**

Dr. Steger informed the Council that a proposal to increase in-state undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees by 6.9% will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors on Thursday, April 23, 2009. Stimulus money will be used to offer a scholarship (ARRA Mitigation Grant) to all undergraduate Virginia students that will be 1.9%. The net increase for undergraduate in-state students for tuition and mandatory fees will thus be 5%.

4. **New Business**
Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Resolution 2008-09A
Resolution for Revisions to Policy 1025

Dr. Guy Sims presented the resolution for first reading.

Referring to the first whereas statement, Dr. Steger requested that the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity provide documentation on the magnitude of the problem (i.e., number of complaints received), and send it to the University Legal Counsel.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2008-09C
Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree

Dr. Paul Deck presented the resolution for first reading.

Under the third whereas statement, clarification was made that the “42-credit professional training program” should read as a “42-credit professional degree program.”

5. Old Business

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution 2008-09A
Resolution Amending the Constitution of the Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly

Mr. Joe McFadden presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded.

A friendly amendment was proposed to change the last sentence under Article VI, Section 3, GSA Historian. The word “Webmaster” will be changed to “Historian.”

Dr. Steger called for a vote on the resolution with the friendly amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission on University Support
Resolution 2008-09C
The Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment Resolution

Ms. Leslie O’Brien presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion for approval.

Dr. Steger informed the Council that he fully supports this resolution, and the university will implement projects as funding is available. The resolution is an expression of support for the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment. Mike Coleman, Associate Vice President for Facilities, clarified that the Sustainability Plan doesn’t mandate policy, but it is a recommendation for a plan to improve Virginia Tech’s sustainability programs.

A question was asked as to if students will have to pay a “green fee” to help fund some of these projects. Dr. Steger indicated that a decision has not been made, but he would prefer to not add an additional cost for students.

Dr. Steger previously asked Dr. Mark McNamee to examine the Virtual School of Sustainability. Student Angie DeSoto explained that the original conception of the Virtual School of
Sustainability was to have a website/database that can be used as a place to access a list of classes.

A vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously.

6. **Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes**

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web (http://www.governance.vt.edu). Note that the purpose of voting on Commission minutes is to accept them for filing. University Council By-laws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- Commission on Faculty Affairs
  March 6, 2009

- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
  February 18, 2009
  March 4, 2009
  March 18, 2009

- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
  March 5, 2009

- Commission on Student Affairs
  March 19, 2009

- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
  February 23, 2009
  March 23, 2009

- Commission on University Support
  March 19, 2009

7. **For Information Only**

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
February 26, 2009

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m.