
Absent Eileen Hitchingham, Karen Jones, Tom Tillar, Jim Kuypers (with notice), Dini Miller, Joyce Rothschild, Lewis Wasserman, Danny Axsom, Sheila Carter-Tod, Dave Dugas, Tom Hammett, Debra Salbador, David Vaughan, Judy Alford, Teresa Lyons, Wayne Scales, Jeff Chuang, Greer Kelly, Charles Petty, Shane McCarty

Guests: Robert Beichner, Jack Finney, Natalie Hart, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Jessica Prince-Sanders, William Pruitt

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 September 20, 2010

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).

3. Old Business

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CUSP 2010-11A
Resolution to Discontinue Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education

Dr. Steve McMullin presented the resolution for second reading and made of motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Reports and Announcements

• Bo Hart gave a brief report on the Student Advisory Committee to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). Hart informed the Council that there was a meeting two weeks ago and he brought up the issue that the State of Virginia has reduced funding to Virginia Tech by $10.7 million over the last two years by not adhering to some aspects of the management agreements signed between the state and the university; the agreements were required by the Higher Education Restructuring Act. This can result in increased tuition and fees.
• Ed Spencer gave an update on the injured cadets. There was an accident involving six cadets en route to an event at Caldwell Fields on October 2.
• Dr. Steger announced that the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education will meet on October 12, 2010, to work on recommendations from the various committees.
• Elizabeth Flanagan gave an update on the Campaign for Virginia Tech. The Campaign has stayed ahead of the timeline from the beginning due to a great group of volunteers on the National Campaign Steering Committee and the faculty and staff of Virginia Tech. The Campaign is on track to do better than the $1 billion goal. There are two more large Campaign kickoffs (Washington, DC and suburban Maryland).

• The Corporate Research Center (CRC) has been named the 2010 Outstanding Research Park by the Association of University Research Parks.

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 Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
  September 8, 2010

- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
  May 3, 2010

- Commission on Faculty Affairs
  September 3, 2010

- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
  September 1, 2010

- Commission on Student Affairs
  September 16, 2010

7. For Information Only

Minutes of University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
September 2, 2010

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m.