AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
   Dr. Timothy Sands

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 18, 2016
   Dr. Timothy Sands
   These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.

3. Presentation
   Honors College
   Dr. Paul Knox

4. Old Business
   Dr. Timothy Sands

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   Ms. Jennifer Nardine
   Resolution to Update CEOD Membership to Include Caucus Representatives

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   Resolution CEOD 2015-16C
   Ms. Jennifer Nardine
   Resolution to Address Intersectional Diversity in Pathways Curriculum

   Commission on Faculty Affairs
   Resolution CFA 2015-16E
   Dr. Montasir Abbas
   Resolution to Approve Collegiate Professor Series for Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty Members

   Commission on Student Affairs
   Resolution CSA 2015-16C
   Ms. Jacquelyn Fisher

   Commission on Student Affairs
   Resolution CSA 2015-16D
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   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
   Resolution CUSP 2015-16K
   Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith
   Resolution to Approve New Major, Clinical Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
   Resolution CUSP 2015-16L
   Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith
   Resolution to Approve New Major, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
   Resolution CUSP 2015-16M
   Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith
   Resolution to Approve New Major, Experimental Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience
5. **Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes**  
These minutes have been accepted for filing by electronic vote and will be posted on the University web. Note that the purpose of voting on Commission minutes is to accept them for filing. University Council By-laws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
April 4, 2016

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs  
March 17, 2016

Commission on Research  
February 10, 2016  
March 2, 2016

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
April 11, 2016

Commission on University Support  
March 17, 2016

6. **For Information Only**  
Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning  
March 24, 2016

7. **Adjournment**

Absent: Cyril Clarke (with notice), Steve McKnight, Robert Sumichrast, Andrew Tevington (with notice), Christopher Beattie, Katharine Carter, Judy Alford (with notice), Stacey Poertner, Lynn Short, Tom Tucker (with notice), Sally Wieringa, Marwa Abdel Latif, Brett Besag (with notice), Alphonso Garrett, Tara Shockley, Stephen Hensell, Olivia Javornik, Danny Strock, Dan Cook (with notice), Morgan Sykes

Guests: Shelia Collins, Jack Finney, Rachel Gabriele, Rachel Holloway, Gary Long, Sandra Muse, April Myers, Kelsey Ottara, Ellen Plummer, Ro Settle, Naya Sou, Rick Sparks

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 18, 2016

Dr. Sands noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the Web (http://www.governance.vt.edu).

3. Presentation

Dr. Paul Knox gave a presentation (attached) on the new Honors College.

4. Old Business

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Resolution CEOD 2015-16B
Resolution to Update CEOD Membership to Include Caucus Representatives

Ms. Jennifer Nardine presented the resolution for second reading. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Resolution CEOD 2015-16C
Resolution to Approve Intersectional Diversity in Pathways Curriculum
Ms. Jennifer Nardine presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to amend the resolution by adding the words “and update” after the word review in the last sentence of the therefore clause. The motion was seconded, and the motion to amend the resolution passed. The resolution as amended was voted on and approved unanimously.

**Commission on Faculty Affairs**

Resolution CFA 2015-16E
Resolution to Approve Collegiate Professor Series for Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty Members

Dr. Montasir Abbas presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. The Faculty Senate submitted a letter of endorsement. Dr. Joan Hirt stated that the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences oppose this resolution. Dr. Abbas indicated that this resolution only creates the Collegiate Professor series, but each college can choose whether to have these positions. The resolution was voted on and passed with a majority of the votes.

**Commission on Student Affairs**

Resolution CSA 2015-16C

Jacquelyn Fisher presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Commission on Student Affairs**

Resolution CSA 2015-16D

Ms. Jacquelyn Fisher presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. A question was raised as to why the statement, “Students can be suspended or dismissed from the university for a first offense,” which is common to any offense, is included in this infraction. Dr. Ro Settle indicated that this statement is included in some other policies. Dr. Settle indicated this language is more than likely included in some policies because there are a range of sanctions policies that address more grievous conduct. A motion was made to amend the resolution for the last sentence to be changed from “Students who are also university employees are subject to disciplinary job action” to read, “Students who are university employees are also subject to disciplinary job action.” This amendment clarifies the intent of the resolution. The motion was seconded, and the motion to amend the resolution passed. The resolution as amended was voted on and approved unanimously.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CUSP 2015-16K
Resolution to Approve New Major, Clinical Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CUSP 2015-16L
Resolution to Approve New Major, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.
Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
Resolution CUSP 2015-16M  
Resolution to Approve New Major, Experimental Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
Resolution CUSP 2015-16N  
Resolution to Approve New Major, Computational and Systems Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
Resolution CUSP 2015-16O  
Resolution to Establish Guidelines for Independent Study and Undergraduate Research

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. It was stated that the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences believe that this resolution undermines the quality of Virginia Tech’s educational offerings, and does not solve the problem the resolution aims to solve. After discussion, the resolution was voted on and passed with a majority of the votes.

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7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting 3:47 p.m.
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- 3 Truman Scholarships,
- 3 Howard Hughes Scholarships,
- 4 Marshall Scholarships,
- 16 Udall Scholarships,
- 34 Fulbright Scholarships,
- 43 Goldwater Scholarships, and
- 119 National Science Foundation Scholarships

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- independent learning,
- undergraduate research,
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Why a College?

To extend and diversify the pool of students of exceptional motivation and ability
Honors College

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- Enhanced undergraduate research & collaborative learning
- Capstone Portfolio
- Collaborative learning spaces on first-floor of residential communities
- Tutorials & extended peer-to-peer learning
  
... etc etc
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