UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2014
3:00 p.m.
1045 Pamplin Hall
AGENDA

1. **Adoption of Agenda**  
   Dr. Charles Steger

2. **Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 7, 2014**  
   Dr. Charles Steger

   These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.

3. **Old Business**  
   Dr. Charles Steger

   - **Commission on Research**  
     Dr. Jesus de la Garza  
     Resolution 2013-14A  
     Resolution to Change Membership of the Commission on Research

   - **Commission on Student Affairs**  
     Ms. Kylie Gilbert  
     Resolution 2013-14A  
     Printing of Receipts in Dining Facilities

   - **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
     Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
     Resolution 2013-14E  
     Revision to Course Withdrawal Policy ("W" Grade Policy)

   - **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
     Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
     Resolution 2013-14F  
     Resolution for Renaming the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education to the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education

   - **Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies – Deferred until May 5, 2014**  
     Dr. Joseph Eifert  
     Resolution 2013-14B  
     Enrollment Requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program

4. **New Business**  
   Dr. Charles Steger

   - **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
     Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
     Resolution 2013-14G  
     Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management

   - **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
     Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
     Resolution 2013-14N  
     Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience

   - **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
     Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
     Resolution 2013-14I  
     Resolution to Approve New Major in Public Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

   - **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
     Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
     Resolution 2013-14J  
     Resolution to Approve New Major in Multimedia Journalism, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication
Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2013-14K
Resolution to Approve New Major in Communication Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Resolution 2013-14B
Resolution to Establish the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week

Dr. Aaron Bond

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution Regarding Voluntary Health Disclosure Form for Education Abroad Participants

Dr. Carlyle Brewster

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution 2013-14F
Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)
Expansion of Student Conduct Procedures for the University Student Conduct System

Ms. Kylie Gilbert

Resolution 2013-14B
Resolution for Changes to Policy 8220
Security Requirements for Events Sponsored by Student Organizations
Clarification of Security Personnel

Ms. Kylie Gilbert

Resolution 2013-14C
Resolution for Changes to Policy 8012
Establishing and Maintaining a University Chartered Student Organization (UCSO)
Addition of Staff Support Language

Ms. Kylie Gilbert

Resolution 2013-14D
Resolution for Changes to Policy 8011
Establishing and Maintaining a University Student Life Program (USLP)
Addition of Staff Support Language

Ms. Kylie Gilbert

Resolution 2013-14E
Resolution for Title Change to Policy 8005
University Staff Support for Student Programming Organizations

Ms. Kylie Gilbert

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
Resolution 2013-14A
Changes to the Administrative and Professional Faculty Grievance Process

Ms. Jennifer Hundley

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution to Revise Policy 1025, Anti-discrimination and Harassment Prevention

Dr. Aaron Bond
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 Graduate Studies and Policies
  - March 5, 2014
  - March 19, 2014

- Commission on Research
  - March 19, 2014

- Commission on Student Affairs
  - March 20, 2014

6. **Adjournment**
University Council Minutes  
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Absent: Guru Ghosh, Tyler Walters, Dan Cook (with notice), Maxine Lyons, Mayuresh Patil, Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Tom Fox, Morgan Esters, Karisa Moore, Mordecai Harvey, Daniel Pierce-Parra, Nick Warrington, Erica Wood

Guests: Don Back, Robert Denton, Jack Finney, Rachel Holloway, Gary Long, Chad Mandala, Sandra Muse, April Myers, Rick Rudd, Stephen Schoenholtz, Tanushri Shankar, Angela Simmons, Jamie Williams

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 April 7, 2014

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 Research
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution to Change Membership of the Commission on Research

Dr. Jesus de la Garza presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution 2013-14A
Printing of Receipts in Dining Facilities

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.
Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2013-14E
Revision to Course Withdrawal Policy (“W” Grade Policy)

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2013-14F
Resolution for Renaming the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education to the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies – Deferred until May 5, 2014
Resolution 2013-14B
Enrollment Requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program

Dr. Steger announced that this resolution is deferred until the May 5, 2014, meeting.

4. New Business

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2013-14G
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. Stephen Schoenholtz to answer any questions about the resolution. Dr. Schoenholtz indicated that it has taken three years to get this resolution completed. The new degree represents a collaboration among ten departments across campus and five colleges. This degree is a unique interdisciplinary degree that combines both water science and water policy. There are tremendous opportunities for our students in terms of solving water problems. This degree will put Virginia Tech at the forefront of water resources policy and management and provide great job opportunities for our students.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2013-14N
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. JP Morgan to answer any questions about the resolution.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2013-14I
Resolution to Approve New Major in Public Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

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Resolution to Approve New Major in Multimedia Journalism, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2013-14K
Resolution to Approve New Major in Communication Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication
Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the three resolutions for first reading. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. Robert Denton to answer any questions about the resolutions. Dr. Denton informed the Council members that currently Public Relations, Multimedia Journalism, and Communication Studies are options in the Bachelor of Arts in Communication. Dr. Denton indicated that changing these options to majors will allow more specialization within each of these areas which will require more course work and expertise. Students who graduate with a major in these areas will be more marketable. Dr. Denton also indicated that faculty recruitment and retention in these areas will be better if these changes are made.

**Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity**

Resolution 2013-14B

Resolution to Establish the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week

Dr. Aaron Bond presented the resolution for first reading. After the Principles of Community were implemented in 2005, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion implemented the Strong Together Initiative in order to raise awareness and promote the values established by the Principles of Community. This resolution will establish the Strong Together Week to be held the first week after spring break. Dr. Steger suggested that the commission consider a sunset clause for the resolution should the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity wish to propose an alternate means of recognition in several years.

**Commission on Outreach and International Affairs**

Resolution 2013-14A

Resolution Regarding Voluntary Health Disclosure Form for Education

Dr. Carlyle Brewster presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Brewster indicated that this resolution will give the option for students participating in educational programs overseas to have an opportunity to indicate any health issues on a voluntary health disclosure form. This will help faculty and other university employees to be better prepared for health issues that may arise while traveling abroad. Legal Counsel has reviewed the form and does not have any concerns with it.

**Commission on Student Affairs**

Resolution 2013-14F

Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Expansion of Student Conduct Procedures for the University Student Conduct System

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Gilbert introduced Angela Simmons to answer any questions. Ms. Simmons indicated this resolution will integrate adaptable conflict resolution into the student conduct process. This process is intended to be educational and will allow the individuals involved in a conflict to have a direct influence over the resolution process. An example of a situation where it could be used is in the case of a roommate conflict that escalates into a student conduct matter.

**Commission on Student Affairs**

Resolution 2013-14B

Resolution to Change Policy 8220

Security Requirements for Events Sponsored by Student Organizations

Clarification of Security Personnel

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Gilbert introduced Jamie Williams to answer any questions about the resolution. Ms. Williams stated that the Virginia Tech Police Department has the authority and responsibility to determine how much security is needed for any campus event. The existing policy states that an event “may only be held if an adequate number of officers are available to cover it.” The resolution would amend the policy to read, “…an adequate number of officers or other University approved security personnel are available to cover it.” President Steger indicated that this resolution has been reviewed by the Virginia Tech Chief of Police and he does not have any objections to the resolution.
Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution 2013-14C
Resolution to Change Policy 8012
Establishing and Maintaining a University Chartered Student Organization (UCSO)
Addition of Staff Support Language

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. The resolution was deferred until the May 5, 2014, University Council meeting.

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution 2013-14D
Resolution to Change Policy 8011
Establishing and Maintaining a University Student Life Program (USLP)
Addition of Staff Support Language

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. The resolution was deferred until the May 5, 2014, University Council meeting.

Commission on Student Affairs
Resolution 2013-14E
Resolution for Title Change to Policy 8005
University Staff Support for Student Programming Organizations

Ms. Kylie Gilbert presented the resolution for first reading. The resolution was deferred until the May 5, 2014, University Council meeting.

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution to Change Policy 8012
Changes to the Administrative and Professional Faculty Grievance Process

Ms. Jennifer Hundley presented the resolution for first reading. Ms. Hundley indicated that this resolution will allow the question of grievability to be initiated at any point in the formal grievance process. It would enable the question of grievability to be raised in the first step of the process. It is better to learn that a situation is not grievable earlier in the process.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution to Revise Policy 1025, Anti-discrimination and Harassment Prevention

Mr. Aaron Bond presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will add gender identity to the Anti-discrimination Policy (Policy 1025). President Steger stated that he has been made aware that there is another resolution being brought before University Council from the Commission on Student Affairs (CSA) at the April 28, 2014, meeting. The CSA resolution is adding both gender identity and gender expression to Policy 1025. There was a lengthy discussion about the resolution and definition of the terms “gender identity” and “gender expression.” A student representative on the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity voiced strong support on behalf of the students in the CSA to include both gender identity and gender expression in Policy 1025. President Steger deferred the resolution until the May 5, 2014, meeting in order for the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity and the Commission on Student Affairs to develop one resolution to bring to University Council for second reading.
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6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m.