UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 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 February 3, 2014  
   Dr. Charles Steger

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

3. New Business  
   Dr. Charles Steger

   Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
   Dr. Joseph Eifert
   Resolution 2013-14A
   Resolution to Establish a Master of Arts Degree in Women’s and Gender Studies

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
   Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp
   Resolution 2013-14D
   Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics

4. Old Business  
   Dr. Charles Steger

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

5. Adjournment  
   Dr. Charles Steger
University Council Minutes  
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Absent: William Lewis, Patricia Perillo, Laura Rugless (with notice), Tom Tillar, Dan Cook (with notice), Maxine Lyons, Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Ana Agud (with notice), Judy Alford, Melissa Means, Morgan Esters, Karisa Moore (with notice), Shaimaa Abdallah, Mordecai Harvey, Luke Carroll, Rachel Estariz (with notice), Daniel Pierce-Parra, Nick Warrington, Erica Wood

Guests: Jack Finney, Peter Haskell, Gary Long, J.P. Morgan, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, David Popham, Katrina Powell, Anthony Scott, Eric Smith, Ann Stevens, Richard Walker

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 February 3, 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. New Business

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
Resolution 2013-14A  
Resolution to Establish a Master of Arts Degree in Women’s and Gender Studies

Dr. Joseph Eifert presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Eifert indicated that this degree is based in the Sociology Department and will be effective Fall 2015. Dr. Eifert introduced Dr. Katrina Powell to answer any questions. There was no discussion on the resolution.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
Resolution 2013-14D  
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics
Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for first reading. This degree comes out of the Department of Math and the Department of Statistics in the College of Science as well as the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. Eric Smith from the Department of Statistics to give comments about the resolution. Dr. Smith mentioned that this degree came out of the need to start working on data science (big data). The reason it is a joint degree is because the integration of the three departments will better prepare students to meet job demands.

4. **Old Business**

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution 2013-14C
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology

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

5. **Update from the General Assembly**

Dr. Steger announced that university officials are still working to get a 3 percent base salary increase, rather than a one-time bonus. There may be some increase in operating dollars for the university, but there will be no money for capital projects. The General Assembly session is scheduled to end on March 8.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.