UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 4, 2013
3:00 p.m.
1045 Pamplin Hall
AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
Dr. Charles Steger

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of December 17, 2012
These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.
Dr. Charles Steger

3. Old Business
Dr. Charles Steger

   Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
   Resolution 2012-13A
   Resolution to Approve the Individual Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program (ID PhD)
   Dr. Mayuresh Patil

4. 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
   December 3, 2012

   Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
   November 15, 2012

   Commission on Student Affairs
   November 29, 2012

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
   December 10, 2012

   Commission on University Support
   November 15, 2012

5. Adjournment
Dr. Charles Steger
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 December 17, 2012**

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. **Announcements**

**Update from the General Assembly**

Dr. Steger announced that the General Assembly adopted a resolution recognizing Dean Richard Sorensen’s contributions to the University.

Tomorrow is cross-over day, when bills from each chamber move to the other chamber. Dr. Steger noted several small budget additions for Virginia Tech that are under consideration by the legislature.

4. **Old Business**

**Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution 2012-13A

Resolution to Approve the Individual Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program (ID PhD)
Dr. Mayuresh Patil presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed with one vote opposed and one abstention.

After the vote, Dr. Bøhn informed the Council members that he voted nay because the College of Engineering Faculty Organization unanimously voted against the resolution because they could not determine a scenario in which it was needed.

Also after the vote, Dean Chang indicated that he abstained from the vote because the College of Science has some concerns with the program and did not understand clearly how the program is going to work.

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6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m.