University Council Minutes
November 13, 2017
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall


Absent: Tim Sands (with notice), Michael Friedlander, Alan Grant, Theresa Mayer, Steve McKnight, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Deyu Hu, Chris Saunders, Anita Puckett, Lynn Abbott, Brian Huddleston, Jeannie Layton-Dudding, Ginai Seabron, Christine Tysor, Michele Waters, Andre Stevenson, Julia Billingsley, Prateek Mishra, & Avalon Roche

Guests: Lori Buchanan, Chief Kevin Foust, Rachel Gabriele, Dee Harris, Rachel Holloway, Michael Mouler, Mike Mulhare, Robin Panneton, & Rick Sparks

Dr. Clarke 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 October 2, 2017

Dr. Clarke 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). (Note: the October 16, 2017, University Council meeting was cancelled.)

3. Old Business

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
Resolution COIA 2017-18A
Resolution to Recommend Authorization of the Establishment of a Center for International Research, Education, and Development (CIRED)

Dr. Jan Helge Bøhn presented this resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

4. New Business

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CUSP 2017-18B
Resolution to Approve New Major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE), in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.
Dr. Dean Stauffer presented this resolution for first reading. This resolution will convert the current Philosophy, Politics, and Economics program within the department to a major. There are already faculty to support this major. This PPE major will have a strong interdisciplinary learning environment, and it does not compete with other programs.

5. **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 13, 2017  
  October 11, 2017

- Commission on Faculty Affairs  
  September 22, 2017  
  October 6, 2017  
  October 20, 2017

- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
  September 6, 2017  
  September 20, 2017  
  October 4, 2017  
  October 20, 2017

- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs  
  August 31, 2017  
  September 21, 2017

- Commission on Research  
  September 6, 2017  
  October 4, 2017

- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
  September 25, 2017  
  October 9, 2017

6. **For Information Only**

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning  
September 21, 2017

7. **Presentation**

Chief Kevin Foust and Mr. Mike Mulhare gave a presentation on Safety and Security (attached).

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m.
Our mission is to build, sustain, and improve:
» University resiliency.
» Departmental readiness.
» Individual preparedness.

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Virginia Tech Police Department

Our mission is to enhance the safety and quality of life for students, faculty, staff, and visitors through:

» Effective law enforcement
» Proactive crime prevention
» Partnership with the university community.

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VT Alerts

» VT Alerts is Virginia Tech’s Emergency Notification System.
» VT Phone Alerts is the delivery channel all students must opt-in to before registering for classes.
VT Alerts
Messaging Channels

Automatic Alert Channels
» Virginia Tech Homepage
» Electronic Message Boards
» Campus Sirens/Speakers
» Virginia Tech (@vt.edu) Emails
» Fire Alarm Annunciators

Optional Alert Channels
» VT Phone Alerts – text message, non-Virginia Tech email, phone call
» VT Desktop Alerts
» Social media – Facebook (Virginia Tech) and Twitter (@vtalerts)

VT Alerts
Campus sirens

The Warning Sirens are designed to alert those who are outside of campus buildings. The sirens are broadcast from seven locations across campus. They can also deliver a pre-recorded message or a live, real-time audio feed.

When the sirens are activated:
» REMAIN CALM!
» Move inside a building.
» Follow any audible instructions.
» Check other VT Alert channels for more information.
» Follow instructions from university officials.
LiveSafe mobile app

- **EMERGENCY QUICK REFERENCE**: Guides for how to act in emergency can be accessed without mobile data or internet connection.
- **CONTACT VTPD DISPATCH**: Send tips to dispatch (if it is an emergency, call 911).
- **EMERGENCY BLUE-LIGHT CALLBOX**: Displays the location of emergency callboxes on campus. Using GPS technology, displays the location and directions of emergency callboxes on campus.
- **SAFEWALK**: Uses GPS technology to allow friends to watch each other get around safely.
- **BUILDING LOCATIONS**: Displays a list of Virginia Tech buildings, their location, and provides directions.

What to do in an emergency

- **Secure-in-Place**: Place a locked door or other barricade between you and the associated violence or danger.
- **Shelter-in-Place**: Move inside to a building space that protects you from the danger. **DO NOT** lock doors behind you as others may also need to shelter-in-place.
- **Evacuation**: A building evacuation may occur during a life safety event that directly affects the normal operations of an individual building on the Virginia Tech campus.
Secure-in-place

When securing-in-place, begin by placing a locked door or other barricade between you and the associated violence or danger.

» REMAIN CALM!
» If you are outside seek cover in the nearest unlocked building. If the buildings in the area have been locked, continue to move away from the danger, seek cover, move to another building, or leave campus if it is safe to do so.
» Once inside, find an interior room and lock or barricade doors.
» Turn off lights, silence phones, draw blinds, and move away from windows.
» Await further instruction from VT Alerts or emergency personnel.
» DO NOT leave until an “All Clear” is received.

What if someone wants to enter a secure area?

If there is any doubt about the safety of those inside, the area needs to remain secure. Allowing someone to enter may endanger you and others.

» USE GOOD JUDGEMENT.
» Can you see the area outside the door to determine that someone is not lying in wait? Is it a trap?
» If a physical description of the subject was given in the secure-in-place alert, consider similarities such as age, race, clothing description, height, weight, sex, and hair and eye color.
» If you decide to let a person in:
  » Have them leave anything they are carrying outside.
  » Have them lift up their shirt, coat, and/or jacket until the waistline is visible and rotate 360 degrees to see they are concealing a weapon.
What if an active shooter is in the building?

OPTION 1 — RUN

» If you can get out safely, do so.
» If others insist on staying, continue to evacuate. Encourage them to go with you, but you should not let their indecisiveness stop you.
» Leave your belongings behind.
» Do not attempt to remove injured persons.
» As you exit, remain calm and follow instructions of any first responders on scene.
» Keep your hands visible at all times, avoid yelling or pointing.
» Once outside safely, warn others of the danger. Call 911.

OPTION 2 — HIDE

» If you cannot find a room to secure in, try to place yourself somewhere out of the shooter’s view.
» Consider hiding behind an object large and solid enough to shield you and provide protection.
» If you can only hide behind a large object, try to pick something that does not trap you or restrict your options for movement.
What if an active shooter is in the building?

OPTION 3 — FIGHT

» Act with extreme aggression. If possible, use the element of surprise.
» Improvise weapons. Throw items. Scream, yell.
» Commit to taking the shooter down, no matter what.

If you encounter first responders

Officers may be armed. They may shout commands, and individuals may be placed on the ground for their own safety.
First responders may pass you and/or any wounded individuals. Their initial responsibility is to neutralize the threat. Others may follow to provide help or evacuate those secured-in-place.

» REMAIN CALM. Follow officers’ instructions.
» Keep your hands visible at all times. If you are carrying any items in your hands, drop them. Immediately raise your hands and spread your fingers.
» Avoid making quick movements towards any officer. Avoid pointing, screaming/yelling. Especially do not point your hand(s) towards an officer if you are holding an item.
» Don’t stop to ask officers for help or direction. There may be officers directing you where to go. If not, exit in the direction from which the officers are entering.
Above all, use best judgment

**REMEMBER:** It is imperative to understand that this is general guidance. Every situation is unique and not every suggestion will apply. There are exceptions to all prescribed directions. Do what is necessary to protect yourself and others.

Secure-in-place while on Blacksburg Transit (BT)

- The driver will announce the secure-in-place alert. They will complete boarding, and leave campus.
- No additional stops will be made on campus.
- All on-campus Blacksburg Transit service will be suspended until an “all clear” is issued.
Shelter-in-place

» REMAIN CALM!
» Immediately seek shelter inside the closest sturdy building. Do not wait until you physically see a tornado or severe weather event to react.
» Resist the temptation to go outside and check the weather conditions yourself.
» Once inside, stay away from windows, glass, and unsecured objects that may fall.
» Seek shelter in interior rooms and corridors. Avoid large free standing expanses such as auditoriums and gymnasiums.
» **DO NOT** use elevators.
» Await further instruction from VT Alerts and emergency personnel. Do not leave until an “All Clear” is given.

What if there is a fire?

» REMAIN CALM!
» Activate the fire alarm if you see smoke or fire.
» Exit the building and alert others as you leave.
» Avoid using the elevators in the building.
» Assist individuals with disabilities out of the building if safe to do so or assist into an Area of Refuge.
» Notify first responders if individuals are still in the building.
» Await further instruction from your Building Emergency Coordinator and/or First Responders.
What if there is a fire?

Reporting an incident or emergency

After dialing 911, give the following information to emergency personnel:

» The exact address or building, floor, and area/department.
» Your full name and the telephone number from which you are calling, in case you get disconnected.
» The nature of the emergency, including the number of injured people and their known injuries.
» Do not hang up as additional information may be needed.
Campus Emergency Phones

- Emergency phones are located outdoors and in select campus buildings
- Press button to connect with 911 dispatcher
  - Remain calm and stay on the line until help arrives.
  - If you do not respond, police will be immediately dispatched to your location. If you press a button by accident, remain on the line and tell the dispatcher.

Virginia Tech Threat Assessment Team

**Report and Consult:** The Threat Assessment Team regularly reviews and manages concerns about a range of potentially threatening or disruptive behaviors and situations, including but not limited to:

- Communicated threats
- Stalking or obsessive pursuit/contact
- Domestic/interpersonal violence
- Harassment
- Bullying/intimidation
- Unusual or inappropriate correspondence or communication
- Unusual or disruptive behavior
- Concerns for the safety & well-being of others

“This may be nothing, but...”

www.threatassessment.vt.edu
Emergency kit

» All Hokies should have some basic supplies on hand, ready to sustain them in an emergency.
» Consider packing some items to bring with you to class and around campus, in addition to a larger kit in your dorm.
» Kits should be customized to meet your needs. Think about what you would need if you had to evacuate campus, or if you need to stay secured.
» For kit suggestions, visit www.emergency.vt.edu

Programs and trainings

Virginia Tech Police
» Student Police Academy
» Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Classes
» VTPD Internship Program

Emergency Management
» Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) training
» Student Advisory Board
» Emergency Management Internships
» Topic Specific Training
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Welcome to Virginia Tech!

Stay informed, stay safe, and Be Hokie Ready.