UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 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 October 7, 2013
   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 Faculty Affairs
   Resolution 2013-14A
   Resolution to Approve “The Faculty of Health Sciences”

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
   Resolution 2013-14A
   Resolution to Approve the Degree Name Change from Forestry and Wildlife to Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment

   Dr. Mayuresh Patil

   Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp

4. Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes
   Dr. Charles Steger

   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 Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
   September 11, 2013

   Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
   May 6, 2013

   Commission on Faculty Affairs
   April 5, 2013
   May 3, 2013

   Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
   September 18, 2013

   Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
   September 5, 2013

   Commission on Student Affairs
   September 19, 2013
   October 3, 2013

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
   October 7, 2013

   Commission on University Support
   April 18, 2013
   September 19, 2013
5. **For Information Only**

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
September 26, 2013

6. **Adjournment**
University Council Minutes  
October 21, 2013  
3:00 PM  
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Absent: William Lewis (with notice), Robert Walters, Dan Cook (with notice), Jennifer Hundley, Scott Nelson, Susanna Rinehart, Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Paul Herr (with notice), Leanna House, Judy Alford (with notice), Jen Mirabella, Brett Besag, Morgan Esters, Karisa Moore (with notice), Shaimaa Abdallah, Mordecai Harvey,

Guests: Jack Finney, Rachel Holloway, April Myers, Ellen Plummer

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 October 7, 2013

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

Dr. Steger informed the Council members that in association with WDBJ7 Virginia Tech is hosting the gubernatorial debate on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in Haymarket. The debate will be televised.

Dr. Steger informed the Council members the University is very fortunate to have received a significant gift for the Center for the Arts. Ms. Angela Hayes noted that a press announcement will be made on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Steger then noted that the Grand Opening for the Center for the Arts will be held on November 1, 2013, and has already sold out.

The Higher Education Advisory Committee is meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013. The Governor has been going through several discussions on the state budget and is going to try to put some things in for higher education. One of the key items the Council of Presidents is focused on is to continue to try to move faculty salaries up to a more competitive range. Currently the range is approximately in the 27th percentile.
The third report in JLARC’s series of five reports dealing with cost efficiency of public higher education institutions will be released on December 9, 2013. This one will deal with academic cost and efficiency. The average faculty member is working 55 hours per week. In the first two JLARC studies, Virginia Tech has come out looking quite well.

4. **Old Business**

**Commission on Faculty Affairs**
Resolution 2013-14A
Resolution to Approve “The Faculty of Health Sciences”

Dr. Mayuresh Patil 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 2013-14A
Resolution to Approve the Degree Name Change from Forestry and Wildlife to Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment

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

5. **Announcement of Approval and Posting of Commission Minutes**

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7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m.