UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2011
3:00 p.m.
1045 Pamplin Hall
AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda  
   Dr. Mark McNamee

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of October 3, 2011  
   Dr. Mark McNamee
   
   These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.

3. New Business  
   Dr. Mark McNamee
   
   Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
   Dr. Victoria Soghomonian
   Resolution 2011-12C
   Resolution to Discontinue the Executive Masters in Information Security Assurance

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
   Dr. Robin Panneton
   Resolution 2011-12A
   Resolution to Revise the Undergraduate Academic Eligibility Policy
   (Revision to PPM #191)

4. Old Business  
   Dr. Mark McNamee
   
   Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
   Dr. Victoria Soghomonian
   Resolution 2011-12A
   Resolution to Approve the Master of Science Degree/Master of Engineering Degree in Nuclear Engineering

   Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
   Dr. Victoria Soghomonian
   Resolution 2011-12B
   Resolution to Approve the Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering

5. Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes  
   Dr. Mark McNamee
   
   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
   September 12, 2011
   September 26, 2011

   Commission on Faculty Affairs
   September 9, 2011

   Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
   September 21, 2011

   Commission on Student Affairs
   September 29, 2011

   Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
   September 12, 2011
   September 26, 2011
6. **For Information Only**

   Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
   September 1, 2011

7. **Adjournment**
Dr. McNamee 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 3, 2011

Dr. McNamee 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 CGSP 2011-12C
Resolution to Discontinue the Executive Masters in Information Security Assurance

Dr. Victoria Soghomonian made a motion for first reading and action (commonly referred to as “waiver of first reading”). Dr. McNamee explained that in order to waive a first reading, an affirmative vote of ¾ of the membership present is required. Dr. McNamee then indicated that the reason for the waiver of the first reading of this resolution is it requires approval by the Board of Visitors and must be approved at this meeting in order to meet the deadline for submission of board materials. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Soghomonian informed the Council that there are no students currently enrolled in the Executive Masters in Information Security Assurance nor are there any faculty engaged in this program of study. Therefore it makes logical sense to discontinue this program.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion passed.
Dr. Robin Panneton presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Panneton introduced Dr. Rachel Holloway to give background and answer any questions about the resolution. Dr. Holloway informed the Council that there are a number of students in academic trouble who would benefit from earlier intervention than provided for under the current policy. The current Probation/Suspension Policy states that a student goes into academic warning when his or her cumulative GPA drops below a 2.0. This resolution adds an academic warning category that will be imposed when a student maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.0 but the term GPA falls below a 2.0. A term GPA below 2.0 may signal academic difficulty before the cumulative GPA drops below 2.0. A student can disengage from academic life for four semesters before the current academic eligibility policy prompts an official response. The category of academic warning is meant to be an advising tool and will not be notated on the transcript. Academic warning will authorize early intervention where a contract with the student can be established or registration can be blocked. Dr. Dooley suggested that the word “may” should be changed to the word “will” in the sentence under “Therefore, Be it Resolved,” which reads: “Students on academic warning may be required to consult with the appropriate Undergraduate Academic Dean...” Dr. Holloway informed the Council that the recommendation will be taken back to the Commission for consideration.

4. Old Business

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CGSP 2011-12A
Resolution to Approve the Master of Science Degree/Master of Engineering Degree in Nuclear Engineering

Dr. Victoria Soghomonian 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
Resolution CGSP 2011-12B
Resolution to Approve the Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering

Dr. Victoria Soghomonian 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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6. **Discussion**

Dr. Bill Knocke, on behalf of the Commission on Research, made a formal expression of concern regarding the impact of the proposed Multi-Modal Transport Facility (MMTF). The Commission on Research unanimously voted at its October 14th meeting to formally express its concern regarding the proposed location of the MMTF near multiple College of Science buildings. The Commission also expressed concerns on attempting to engineer a solution for potential issues of air quality once the site is selected.

Dr. Lay Nam Chang stated that the departments in the College of Science that may be potentially impacted by the MMTF site location house sensitive instruments that are used for critical research and training of undergraduates. The concern is how these instruments may potentially be affected by the bus fumes. One additional concern is the difficulty of recruiting new faculty with research facilities located next to the MMTF.

Dr. Sherwood Wilson informed the Council that it is early in the process for the MMTF, and that this is actually a Town of Blacksburg project in conjunction with Virginia Tech. Dr. Wilson indicated that he has asked consultants from the Town of Blacksburg to meet with the appropriate people in the College of Science to get input. Dr. Wilson also indicated that one of the requirements of the Board of Visitors is to have environmental issues reviewed because of proximity of the proposed site to Derring Hall.

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8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m.