University Council Minutes
March 14, 2016
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall


Absent: Tim Sands (with notice), Karen DePauw, Steve McKnight (with notice), Menah Pratt-Clarke (with notice), Andrew Tevington, Jacquelyn Fisher, Saul Halfon, Jennifer Nardine (with notice), Richard Ashley, Joe Merola, Anita Puckett, Susanna Rinehart, Christopher Beattie, Nathan King, Ana Agud (with notice), Judy Alford (with notice), Stacey Poertner, Lynn Short, Tom Tucker, Brett Besag (with notice), Raifu Duodoye (with notice), Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Matthew Chan (with notice), Homero Murzi, Tanushri Shankar, Danny Strock, Dan Cook (with notice),

Guests: Jack Finney, Rachel Gabriele, Hunter Gresham, Rachel Holloway, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Charles Taylor

Dr. Rikakis 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 1, 2016

Dr. Rikakis 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 Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CUSP 2015-16E
Resolution to Approve New Major, International Public Policy, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CUSP 2015-16F
Resolution to Approve New Major, International Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CUSP 2015-16G
Resolution to Approve New Major, National Security and Foreign Affairs, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies
Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the three resolutions for first reading. A question was raised as to why these three new majors are in the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and not in Political Science. Dr. Charles Taylor indicated that in 1967 there was a study conducted of the International Studies program and the Department of Political Science. These two areas were separate and continued to be separate until approximately three years ago when International Studies became part of Political Science. This created two majors, one in Political Science and one in International Studies, but the two majors overlap in some areas. Dr. Chandler-Smith indicated that these resolutions will consolidate current tracks into majors.

4. 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
  January 13, 2016

- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
  December 7, 2015

- Commission on Faculty Affairs
  September 4, 2015
  September 25, 2015
  October 9, 2015
  October 23, 2015
  November 6, 2015
  December 4, 2015

- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
  January 20, 2016
  February 3, 2016

- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
  February 23, 2016

- Commission on Student Affairs
  October 15, 2015
  October 29, 2015
  November 12, 2015

- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
  January 25, 2016
  February 8, 2016

- Commission on University Support
  January 21, 2016

5. For Information Only

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
January 28, 2016
6. **Update from the General Assembly**

Mr. Dwight Shelton provided a handout (attached) to accompany an overview of the 2016 General Assembly session he presented.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting 3:26 p.m.
2016 General Assembly Session
As of March 11, 2016

The General Assembly adjourned on March 12, 2016, having passed a budget on to the Governor for final approval. The summary below highlights the impact of this budget proposal on the university. Note that this proposal is not final until the reconvened ("Veto") session in April. Details of the direct financial impact to the university are attached.

University Operating Budget

- **Access, Affordability, Quality and Increased Degrees**: General Fund of $5.1 million in the first year and $7.5 million in the second year for enrollment growth for Virginia undergraduate students, flexible operating support, and to minimize Virginia undergraduate student tuition and fee increases. Language details a process to report tuition increases to General Assembly.
- **Cyber Security Range**: General Fund of $2 million in each year to develop a training tool to help cyber security majors get hands on experience at combatting cyber attacks. This will be available to all Virginia high schools and colleges.
- **Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station**: Funding to support operations and maintenance of new facilities and pay equity was provided.
- **Other Support**: Incremental support for Unique Military Activities, Student Financial Aid, and the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund were also provided.

Compensation and Benefits

- **3% salary increase**: Pool for T&R and A/P faculty, University Staff, and Classified Staff, effective November 10th, 2016. Funding may be used to fund merit increases as long as those increases do not exceed 3% on average.
- **Health Insurance** is expected to increase by 9.6% in FY17.
- **The Virginia Retirement System (VRS)** deferred contributions have been fully funded, lowering the ongoing rate. This should help shore up the program moving into the future.

Statewide Research Environment

- **Higher Education Research Initiative**: A pool of $8 million in the first year and $14 million in the second year is available to attract high-performing researchers. An second pool of $29 million in the first year is available for lab renovations and enhancements and new equipment. This funding is competitive and requires an institutional match.
- **GO Virginia**: A pool of $5.5 million in the first year and $30 million in the second year is available to support competitive region-based collaborative initiatives that drive economic development.

Capital

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2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSED BUDGET
as of March 11, 2016
($ in thousands)

Operating Budget

University Division
Access, Affordability, Quality and Increased Degrees
Cyber Security Test Range
Restoration of Interest Earnings and Credit Card Rebate
Technical Adjustments (fringe rate changes, annualization of prior year costs, etc.)

Subtotal University Division Operating

Student Financial Aid
Virginia Undergraduate Financial Aid
Graduate Financial Aid

Subtotal Student Financial Aid

Unique Military Activities

Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund
Traditional Allocation
Research Allocation
Unmanned Aircraft Test Range Equipment (one-time allocation)

Subtotal Equipment Trust Fund

Subtotal University Division

Virginia Cooperative Extension/AES Division (VCE/VAES)
Pay Equity for Extension Agents
Operations and Maintenance for New Facilities Coming On-line
Technical Adjustments (fringe rate changes, annualization of prior year costs, etc.)

Subtotal VCE/VAES

Total Operating Budget State Support

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(a) Estimated interest earnings.

(b) Amounts represent incremental change to existing 2015-16 Equipment Trust Fund appropriation (new purchasing power). New total amounts are $10,331,639 in traditional allocation and $5,240,458 in research allocation.