Dr. Sands 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 September 28, 2015**

Dr. Sands 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](http://www.governance.vt.edu)).

3. **Old Business**

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution 2015-16B
Resolution to Approve New Major, Family and Consumer Sciences, in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith 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 2015-16C
Resolution to Change the Name of the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE) to the University Curriculum Committee for General Education (UCCGE) and to Change the Membership
Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. Dr. Merola asked for a friendly amendment to strike “ex officio” from the furthermore, be it resolved clause, “…furthermore, be it resolved that an ex officio representative from University Studies be added to the membership of the committee...” There being no objection to the friendly amendment, President Sands declared the amendment adopted. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the amended resolution passed.

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 Faculty Affairs
  May 1, 2015

- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Polices
  September 14, 2015

- Commission on University Support
  September 17, 2105

5. Presentation

President Sands made some introductory comments about the visioning initiative and then called on Dr. Katherine Keeney to give an overview (attached) of the Beyond Boundaries initiative.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.
Goals

• Advance as a global land-grant institution that is internationally recognized.
• Strategically address the challenges and opportunities presented by the changing landscape of higher education.
Thematic areas of inquiry

Envisioning the campus of the future
- Determining future facilities and infrastructure needs for the ways in which students, faculty, and staff learn and work
- Exploring the role of technology in tomorrow’s university

Discovering new funding models
- Responding to changing funding models
- Evaluating new and diverse revenue sources
- Addressing affordability and accessibility

Preparing students for the world in which they will live and work
- Preparing global citizens
- Advancing academic quality
- Innovating teaching and learning

Advancing as a global land-grant institution
- Responding to growing global interdependence
- Applying research to 21st century problems on a global scale
- Connecting knowledge to society through Extension and outreach
- Serving a more geographically-diverse student population

Work to be done this year

- What does it mean to go Beyond Boundaries?
- Engage in meaningful and critical conversation about the future university
- Develop a mechanism for continuous innovation
- Generate great ideas from the bottom up
- Use technology to support discourse
- Learning from others, successes and failures
Participation

- Virginia Tech community
  - Contribute ideas accompanied by boundaries
  - Understand how ideas are emerging and clustering
- Thematic area groups
  - Consider and generate ideas within the context of the project goals
  - Catalyze conversation
- Steering committee
  - Ensure connections across thematic areas
  - Visualize how ideas connect
  - Draw conclusions—based on everything we have heard, this is what we can do

Ideas
Virginia Tech community, internal and external

Catalysts
Thematic groups

Integrators
Steering committee
Mechanisms for idea generation and input

- Online hub for data collection, reporting, and discussion
  - Idea bank
  - Discussion form
  - Regular reporting
  - Social media
- Student input sessions and meetings with constituent groups
- Committee members
Outcomes

• Platform on which to build the next strategic plan
• Set of scenarios for risk management
• Database of ideas and assumptions
• Mechanism for continuous innovation
• Synthesis of “what we heard” – moon shots, barriers, questions
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