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 November 16, 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).

3. **Presentation**

Dr. Rosemary Blieszner gave a presentation (attached) on curriculum and degree development.

4. **Old Business**

**Commission on Faculty Affairs**

Resolution CFA 2015-16C

Resolution to Establish the Academy of Faculty Leadership.

Dr. Abbas presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.
5. **New Business**

**Commission on Student Affairs**  
Resolution CSA 2015-16B  

**Faculty Affairs**  
Resolution CFA 2015-16D  
Joint Resolution on the Formation of a University Governance Task Force

Ms. Jacquelyn Fisher presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Montasir Abbas moved to waive the first reading of this resolution (in effect, a request for reading and action) and the motion was seconded. After lengthy discussion, the motion to waive the first reading was defeated. The resolution will be presented for second reading and a vote at the February 1, 2016, University Council meeting.

6. **Deferred Resolution**

**Commission on Faculty Affairs**  
Resolution CFA 2015-16B  
Resolution on Shared Governance

Dr. Abbas presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. Discussion took place and Dr. Abbas moved to withdraw his motion to approve the resolution. The motion to withdraw was seconded and the motion passed. This resolution will be presented for second reading and a vote at the February 1, 2016, University Council meeting.

7. **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 Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
  November 2, 2015
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
  November 18, 2015
- Commission on Research  
  October 21, 2015
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs  
  October 27, 2015
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
  November 9, 2015
- Commission on University Support  
  October 15, 2015

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting 4:18 p.m.