

**University Council Minutes**  
**December 5, 2022**  
**3:30 PM**  
**1045 Pamplin Hall/Zoom Video Conference**

**Present:** Tim Sands (presiding), April Myers, Kim O'Rourke, Cyril Clarke, Amy Stoakley Sebring, Bryan Garey, Menah Pratt, Frances Keene, Rachel Holloway, Alan Grant, Daniel Givens, Rosemary Blieszner, Keith Goyne for Paul Winistorfer, Julia Ross, Dwayne Edwards, Robert Weiss, Rachel Miles, Robin Queen, Holli Gardner Drewry, Janice Austin, Jennifer Jones, Serena Young, Tasia Perrson for LaTawnya Burleson, Bruce Harper, Caroline Lohr, Seungchan Jeong, Jamal Ross, Ben Beiter, Noor Tasnim, Carla Finkelstein, A.K. Ward Bartlett, Leigh-Anne Krometis, Daniel Hindman, Evan Lavender-Smith, Virginia Beuchner-Maxwell, Azziza Bankole, Lujean Baab, Jamie McElfresh, Callan Bartel, Nicole Akers, Melissa Faircloth, John Gray Williams, Kelly Oaks, & Jan Helge Bøhn

**Absent with notice:** Aimée Surprenant & Lee Learman

**Absent:** Daniel Sui, Laura Belmonte, Kevin Pitts, Robin Russell, Tyler Walters, Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, Ainsley Cragin, Chloe Robertson, Anna Buhle, Masoud Agah, Nathan King, & Shania Clinedinst

**Guests:** Lori Buchanan, Steven Clark, Kari Evans, Debbie Greer, Shirin Mohammadian, Brandy Morse, Kat Nelson, Rick Sparks, Melody Warnick, & Stacey Wilkerson

Dr. Sands called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present in person or via Zoom.

**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 19, 2022**

(Note: The October 3, 2022, October 17, 2022, and November 7, 2022, meetings were cancelled.)

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. New Business**

**Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity**

**Resolution CEOD 2022-23A**

Resolution to Establish CEOD Representation to University Council

Melissa Faircloth presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution revises Article VII, Section B in the University Council Bylaws to include language that clarifies how the four Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOD) seats on University Council will be filled. One seat will be filled by the Associate Vice President for Equity and Accessibility, one seat will be filled by a representative of the Black Caucus, and the other two seats will be selected by the CEOD from the other caucuses that are represented on CEOD. Factors being considered in the selection of the two additional caucus members will be the following:

1. A review of the caucus annual report
2. Rotating caucus representation
3. Emerging or current issues uniquely impacting the caucus
4. Other timely and important issues

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
**Resolution CUSP 2022-23A**

Resolution to Waive the General Education Requirements for Students Seeking a Second Bachelor's Degree

Evan Lavender-Smith presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution will consider Virginia Tech students who have previously earned a bachelor's degree from a U.S. accredited institution as having satisfied the general education requirements at Virginia Tech.

**4. Announcement of Approval and Posting of University Council Cabinet, Commission, and Committee 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 Bylaws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- University Council Cabinet  
September 12, 2022  
September 26, 2022  
October 10, 2022
- Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs  
September 14, 2022  
October 12, 2022
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
April 19, 2022  
September 20, 2022
- Commission on Faculty Affairs  
August 26, 2022  
September 23, 2022  
October 21, 2022
- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs  
September 6, 2022  
October 4, 2022
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs  
September 15, 2022  
October 20, 2022
- Commission on Research  
September 8, 2022
- Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs  
October 13, 2022
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
September 12, 2022  
September 26, 2022  
October 10, 2022  
October 24, 2022  
November 14, 2022

- Athletics Committee  
September 15, 2022  
October 13, 2022
- Budgeting and Planning Committee  
September 15, 2022
- Campus Development Committee  
October 4, 2022
- Climate Action, Sustainability, and Energy Committee  
September 26, 2022  
October 24, 2022

## **5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m.