

University Council Minutes
February 6, 2023
3:30 PM
Creativity and Innovation District Building Multipurpose Library (104)

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), April Myers, Kim O'Rourke, Ron Fricker for Cyril Clarke, Amy Sebring, Laurel Miner for Daniel Sui, Kari Evans for Bryan Garey, Menah Pratt, Frances Keene, Aimée Surprenant, Rachel Holloway, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, Daniel Givens, Rosemary Blieszner, Kevin Pitts, Paul Winistorfer, Julia Ross, Lee Learman, Tyler Walters, Dwayne Edwards, Robert Weiss, Rachel Miles, Robin Queen, Holli Gardner Drewry, Janice Austin, Jennifer Jones, Serena Young, LaTawnya Burleson, Bruce Harper, Caroline Lohr, Seungchan Jeong, Jamal Ross, Ainsley Cragin, Ben Beiter, Chloe Robertson, Noor Tasnim, Anna Buhle, Carla Finkielstein, Masoud Agah, A.K. Ward Bartlett, Holly Kindsvater for Daniel Hindman, Evan Lavender-Smith, Virginia Buechner-Maxwell, Azziz Bankole, Jamie McElfresh, Callan Bartel, Nicole Akers, Melissa Faircloth, John Gray Williams, Kelly Oaks, Shania Clinedinst, & Jan Helge Bøhn

Absent with notice: Leigh-Anne Krometis

Absent: Laura Belmonte, Robin Russell, Paul Knox, Nathan King, & Lujean Baab

Guests: Lori Buchanan, Steven Clark, Gary Costello, Debbie Greer, Dee Harris, René Hernandez, Alex Leonessa, Brandy Morse, Kat Nelson, Elvis Rosario, Sally Shupe, Demetria Somervell, Rick Sparks, & Dan Taggart

Dr. Sands called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 December 5, 2022

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. Commission Chair Reports

Dr. Sands asked the Commission chairs to present briefly their goals for the academic year.

1. Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs – Janice Austin, Chair
 - a. Will review and submit a resolution regarding changes to the A/P Faculty Senate Constitution
 - b. Will update the A/P Faculty Senate Bylaws
 - c. Will review and submit a resolution for wording changes in chapter seven of the Faculty Handbook
2. Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity – LaTawnya Burleson, Chair
 - a. Continued work on the Land and Labor Acknowledgement resolution
 - b. Resolution for changes to the CEOD membership represented on University Council
3. Commission on Faculty Affairs – Robin Queen, Chair
 - a. Work continues on the Faculty Handbook definition of emeritus requirements with a resolution coming to University Council at the February 20 meeting.

- b. Policy 6100 updates and revisions have been completed and are with Faculty Affairs
 - c. Identifying best practices for annual faculty review and providing process suggestions
 - d. Faculty Handbook revisions yet to be defined
4. Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs – Ben Beiter
- a. Working on a resolution to expand reproductive care at Virginia Tech
 - b. Collecting information and discussions on graduate student needs, specifically affordable housing, student health insurance, and student contract clarifications
 - c. Identifying needs for students and then formulating a plan moving forward, including preparing for next year as this semester continues
5. Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies – Aimée Surprenant, Advisor
- a. Resolutions in process
 - Resolution to establish a Master of Science Degree in Applied Data Science
 - Resolution on a Co-op program change
6. Commission on Outreach and International Affairs – Jan Helge Bøhn, Chair
- Support the Global Strategy Working Group where applicable to deliver their report that is due by June 30, 2023, on how to achieve top 100 global university ranking through comprehensive internationalization including:
 - Global research and scholarship
 - Globalization of the curriculum and campus experience
 - Global infrastructure and financial strategy (resource development, structure, policies, and procedures)
 - Work with the Controller's Office, Commission on Research, and Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs to address new policies that limit the abilities of GA/GTA/GRA to participate in assignments abroad due to concerns of overseas taxation issues
7. Commission on Research – Alexander Leonessa, Chair
- a. Continued work on representation of research faculty in shared governance
 - b. Continued work on revisions to the policies on centers at Virginia Tech
8. Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs – LaTawnya Burleson, Chair
- a. Continued work on a resolution to revise the Staff Senate Constitution and Bylaws
9. Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs – Seungchan Jeong, Chair
- a. Continue to review and approve UCSOs' bylaws and amendments
 - b. Working on establishing a joint subcommittee of the CUSA and CGPSA that will be responsible for reviewing proposals and major amendments to funding policies, strategies, and any policy-related matters that pertain to the allocation of student fees that are recommended by the USS Appropriations Committee and the Graduate Student Budget Board
 - c. Continue to receive reports from the USS Appropriations Committee
 - d. Reviewing the skateboard policy

10. Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies – Evan Lavender-Smith, Chair

- a. Resolutions in process
 - Resolution to waive the general education requirements for students seeking a second bachelor's degree
 - Revision to policy 6000 and the Undergraduate Honor Code regarding the first-time case sanction procedure
- b. Continued review of library resources
- c. Continued review of “W” grade policy and Presidential Policy Memorandum 91
- d. Continuation of curricular approval
- e. Continued preparation for changes to the curricular approval process starting in 2023-24

4. Unfinished 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 second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

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 second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

5. Announcement of Approval and Posting of UC Cabinet and 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 Cabinet and 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
October 24, 2022
November 28, 2022
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
November 4, 2022
November 18, 2022
- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
November 17, 2022
December 8, 2022
- Commission on Research
October 13, 2022
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
November 28, 2022

- Athletics Committee
November 10, 2022
- Budgeting and Planning Committee
November 17, 2022
- Climate Action, Sustainability, and Energy Committee
November 28, 2022

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

University Council Votes

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Name	Do you approve CEOD Resolution 2022-23A - Resolution to Establish CEOD Representation to University Council?	Do you approve CUSP Resolution 2022-23A - Resolution to Waive the General Education Requirements for Students Seeking a Second Bachelor's Degree?
Paul Winistorfer	Yes	Yes
Shania Clinedinst	Yes	Yes
John Gray Williams	Yes	Yes
Virginia Buechner-Maxwell	Yes	Yes
Noor Tasnim	Yes	Yes
Robert Weiss	Yes	Yes
Rachel Miles	Yes	Yes
Lee Learman	Yes	Yes
Jamie McElfresh	Yes	Yes
Susan Sumner	Yes	Yes
Aimée Surprenant	Yes	Yes
Ron Fricker	Yes	Yes
Dan Givens	Yes	Yes
Jan Helge Bøhn	Yes	Yes
Frances Keene	Yes	Yes
LaTawnya Burleson	Yes	Yes
Rachel Holloway	Yes	Yes
Janice Austin	Yes	Yes
Azziza Bankole	Yes	Yes
Masoud Agah	Yes	Yes
Kevin Pitts	Yes	Yes
Seungchan Jeong	Yes	Yes
Callan Bartel	Yes	Yes
Laurel Miner	Yes	Yes
Kelly Oaks	Yes	Yes
Bruce Harper	Yes	Yes
Nicole Akers	Yes	Yes
Jennifer Jones	Yes	Yes
Holli Gardner Drewry	Yes	Yes
AK Ward	Yes	Yes
Tyler Walters	Yes	Yes
Jamal Ross	Yes	Yes
Holly Kindsvater	Yes	Yes
Julia Ross	Yes	Yes
Menah Pratt	Yes	Yes
Rosemary Blieszner	Yes	Yes
Amy Sebring	Abstain	Yes
Robin Queen	Abstain	Yes
Dwayne Edwards	Yes	Yes
Melissa Faircloth	Yes	Yes
Kari Evans for Bryan Garey	Yes	Yes
Evan Lavender-Smith	Yes	Yes
Caroline Lohr	Yes	Yes
Serena Young	Yes	Yes
Chloe Jade Robertson	Yes	Yes

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Ben Beiter	Yes	Yes
Ainsley Cragin	No Response	No Response
Anna Buhl	No Response	No Response
Carla Finkelstein	No Response	No Response