

University Council Minutes
February 19, 2024
3:30 PM

Creativity and Innovation District Building Multipurpose Library (Room 104) and Zoom

Present: Cyril Clarke (presiding), April Myers, Kim O'Rourke, Amy Sebring, Frances Keene, Aimée Surprenant, Byan Garey, Rachel Holloway, Daniel Givens, Tsai Lu Liu, Kevin Pitts, Paul Winistorfer, Julia Ross, Lara Khansa for Saonee Sarker, Lee Learman, Tyler Walters, Dwayne Edwards, Natalia Guerrero, Joe Merola, Robert Weiss, Evan Lavender-Smith, Janice Austin, Jennifer Jones, LaTawnya Burleson, Callan Bartel, Kari Evans, Kiera Schneiderman, Shahed Sanuri, Alex Efrid, Rachel Maizel, Yohan Sequeira, Riley DeHority, Emily Tirrell, Gary Long, Nicole Pitterson, Stuart Feigenbaum, Rodney Gaines, Charles Lowery, Virginia Buechner-Maxwell, Renee LeClair, Serena Young, Amber Robinson, Melissa Faircloth, John Gray Williams, Kelly Oaks, & Kim Rhodes for Dave Close

Absent with notice: Tim Sands, & William Storey

Absent: Daniel Sui, Menah Pratt, Alan Grant, Laura Belmonte, Paul Knox, Stephanie Trout, Daniel Hindman, Sally Shupe, Lujean Baab, & Shania Clinedinst

Guests: James Bridgeforth, Lori Rose, Holli Drewry, Carla Finkelstein, Dee Harris, Monique L Logan, Jasmine Phillips, Kat Nelson, Rick Sparks, Ron Fricker, & Demetria Somervell

Dr. Clarke 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 February 5, 2024

Dr. Clarke 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. Unfinished Business

University Council
Resolution UC 2023-24A
Resolution to Revise the University Council Bylaws

Joe Merola presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. Prior to the chair stating the question, Kim O'Rourke proposed a friendly amendment to replace paragraphs three and four in Article I of the existing bylaws to read "At the first University Council meeting each semester, each commission chair or their designee will present information on the respective commission's work plan for the semester consisting of issues and any foreseen action items. At that time, the respective senate president (if applicable) and commission chair may be asked to elaborate or provide clarification on the commission's work plan." Dr. Merola accepted the friendly amendment.

Kim O'Rourke also explained that the proposed bylaws revisions brought forward today differ slightly from the first reading because suggestions from the Faculty Senate have been incorporated into the version brought forward for second reading and vote today. A vote was taken on the amended resolution, and the motion passed.

6. Announcement of Approval and Posting of UC 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 minutes of the University Council Cabinet, Commissions, and Committees reporting to University Council Cabinet 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
January 29, 2024
- Commission on Faculty Affairs
November 10, 2023
- Commission on Research
October 12, 2023
November 9, 2023
December 7, 2023
- Athletics Committee
January 18, 2024
- Transportation and Parking Committee
December 12, 2023

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m.