

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING
April 15, 2021
Videoconference (via Zoom)**

Present: Judy Alford, John Benner (Chair), Michael Borowski, William Dougherty *for Scott Midkiff*, Martha Glass, Bradley Klien, Polly Middleton, Debbie Greer *for Ken Miller*, Phil Miskovic, Ryan Speer

Absent with Notice: Robert Sumichrist

Absent: Jeff Earley, Chris Kiwus, Charlie Phlegar, Patrick Pithua, Kimani Jackson, Connie Stovall

Guests: Richard Ashley, Denny Cochrane, John Ignosh, Christina King, April Myers

Recorder: Teresa Thompson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Commission Chair, John Benner, called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.; initiated introductions and roll call. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Proper motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the March 2021 agenda.

3. Approval of the March 2021 meeting minutes

Chair Benner 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>).

4. Old Business

No old business for discussion.

5. New Business

John Ignosh, Specialist with Biological Systems Engineering and Virginia Cooperative Extension, who presented an overview of Virginia Cooperative Extension's outreach and program efforts with solar energy projects which presentation is attached and incorporated herein as part of the minutes.

6. Updates from Committee Representatives

Campus Development Committee – Christina King reported committee has nothing new to report. They have been reviewing capital projects in general.

Energy and Sustainability Committee – Denny Cochrane shared that progress continues with 2020 Climate Action Commitment Resolution that was approved at March 2021 Board of Visitors meeting. They completed their 5th STARS submission and the university received their third Gold rating with the highest rating yet. The Green RFP proposals have been submitted and results are pending. Earth Week is April 18-24, 2021 and Earth Day is April 22 with an extensive schedule of events planned. A flyer describing some of those events will be shared to the group by Chair Benner.

IT Services and Systems Committee – William Dougherty updated the group that Virginia Tech's license with Qualtrics has been extended and is now set to expire May 31, 2022. Question-Pro is a similar program. The voice communications system/transition is being researched and additional information will be shared as it develops.

Transportation and Parking Committee – Nothing new to report.

7. Acceptance of Committee Minutes

Campus Development Committee – February 8, 2021 minutes approved by the Commission.

Energy and Sustainability Committee – February 22, 2021 minutes approved by the Commission.

IT Services and Systems Committee – No new minutes submitted to the Commission.

Transportation and Parking Committee – February 3, 2021 and April 7, 2021 minutes approved by the Commission

8. Next Meeting Date

Chair Benner shared we will not meet in May. The Commission's next meeting will be in September 2021. He reminded everyone that submission of ideas for future meetings are very welcome.

Phil Miskovic advised this is his last meeting with us. Beginning July 1, he will serve as the graduate student representative to the Board of Visitors.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, proper motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Thompson