

COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 15 2020  
Via Zoom (recorded session)

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Judy Alford, John Benner, Michael Borowski, William Dougherty *for Scott Midkiff*, Julie Farmer for *Charlie Phlegar*, Debbie Greer for *Ken Miller*, Bradley Klein, Polly Middleton, Phil Miskovic, Ken Smith, Ryan Speer, Robert Sumichrast, Jon Clark Teglas for *Chris Kiwus*, and Sarah Woodward

Members Absent: Martha Glass, Shannon Phillips, Patrick Pithua, Ken Smith

Guests: Lori Buchanan, Denny Cochrane, Christina King, Nathan King, April Myers, John Randolph, Rachel Spector

Recorder: Teresa Thompson and Zoom

**1. Welcome and Roll Call**

Commission Chair, John Benner, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Chair reported this meeting is being recorded. Introductions and roll call were initiated by the Chair to confirm a quorum via Zoom.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the September 2020 agenda.

**3. Approval of the April 2020 minutes**

The September 2020 minutes were approved electronically.

**4. Old Business**

Second Reading of Resolution 2020-21A – Virginia Tech 2020 Climate Action Commitment. Following policy, Chair Benner advised the group such resolution was fully read at the September meeting and a full second reading was not necessary to carry forward and advised it has received supporting documents from all four constituent groups. Professor Emeritus John Randolph provided a brief update to the Commission in that Goal 3 as it relates to the use of coal and conversion to natural gas of the steam plant. He advised the Resolution will likely be amended, however, it is not a voting item for the Commission as it is at the University Council level. Chair Benner closed discussion and motioned to adopt. Resolution 2020-21A - Virginia Tech 2020 Climate Action Commitment was unanimously approved.

**5. New Business**

April Myers and Lori Buchanan shared an informative and detailed presentation of the University Governance Process which was very beneficial in bringing a greater awareness of the governance process and structure.

**6. Updates from Committee Representatives**

Campus Development Committee – Christina King reported they held their first committee meeting earlier this month. The group reviewed the charge and member roles and discussed future meeting topics.

Energy and Sustainability Committee – Denny Cochrane reported they are getting ready of receive the Green RFP and will be working on submission for STARS program due in December.

IT Services and Systems Committee – William Dougherty reported the committee has not met to date as they still await appointment of the SGA Representative to the committee. They anticipate to meet before the end of this month.

Transportation and Parking Committee – Ryan Speer reported the committee has meet in September and October. The October meeting minutes are not available yet but are forthcoming. Jeri Baker provided committee charge and shared a summary of topics including the removal of scooters from campus and changes in visitor and weeknight parking permits and fees.

**7. Acceptance of Committee Minutes**

Campus Development Committee – February, March and April 2020 minutes were accepted and unanimously approved.

Energy and Sustainability Committee – August 26, 2020 minutes were accepted and unanimously approved.

IT Services and Systems Committee – To date, this committee has not met, therefore, no new minutes to submit for a vote by the Commission for this meeting,

Transportation and Parking Committee – Minutes from the committee’s October meeting not available for submission, thus no voting action from the Commission.

**8. Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting date is November 19, 2020 via zoom platform. Chair Benner advised Mike Mulhare, Assistant Vice President for Emergency Management, will speak to the Committee about COVID-19 at this meeting.

**9. Adjourned at 3:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Thompson