

## University Council Minutes

April 18, 2011

3:00 PM

1045 Pamplin Hall

**Present:** Daniel Wubah, (Presiding), Donald Lee for Richard Benson, Jeb Stewart for Earving Blythe, Karen DePauw, John Dooley, Elizabeth Flanagan, Susan Sumner for Alan Grant, William Lewis, Kim O'Rourke, Sue Ott Rowlands, Lisa Wilkes for Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Richard Sorensen, Ed Spencer, Tom Tillar, Tyler Walters, Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Carolyn Copenheaver, Jesus de la Garza, Ross Edmonds, Jan Helge Bøhn, Amy Hogan, Nathan Lavinka, Steve McMullin, Leslie O'Brien, Deborah Smith, Sue Teel, Bryan Cloyd, Jim Kuypers, Joe Merola, Eric Vance, Danny Axsom, Sheila Carter-Tod, Marion Ehrich, Debra Salvador, Bob Sturges, Jean Brickey, Teresa Lyons, Stacey Poertner, France Belanger, Justin Graves, Karen Poff, Patrick Tomlin, Amanda Cronin Rumore, Mojtaba Taiebat, C. Taylor Quicke for Scott Bennett, Bo Hart, Charles Petty, Emily Wilkinson, Bruce Pencek for Mike Ellerbrock, Maxine Lyons, Deepu George

**Absent** Charles Steger (with notice), Mark McNamee (with notice), Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Jennifer Hodgson, Karen Jones (with notice), Robert Walters, Susanna Rinehart, Joyce Rothschild, Lewis Wasserman, Dave Dugas, Tom Hammett, David Vaughan, Judy Alford (with notice), Dan Cook, Lori Anne Kirk (with notice), Dave Shuster, Christal Bacon, Wayne Scales, Patricia Smith, Michelle McLeese, Scott Bennett, Jeff Chuang, Greer Kelly, Shane McCarty

**Guests:** Jack Finney, Bethany Flora, Natalie Hart, Rodd Hall, Bill Huckle, Sandra Muse, April Myers, Ellen Plummer

Dr. Wubah called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 April 4, 2011

Dr. Wubah 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 Graduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution CGSP 2010-11E

Academic and Professional Integrity

Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Copenheaver gave background information explaining the resolution. Federal funding agencies require documentation on all ethics training that is given to graduate students. This resolution establishes a way to document any existing ethics training. A suggestion was made that since the intent of the resolution is to gather information, a survey or other mechanism may be a better way to obtain current information.

It was suggested that since there is a great deal of faculty involvement with this process, the Faculty Senate should have an opportunity to review the resolution. Dr. Wubah referred the resolution back to the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies until other groups have an opportunity to review the resolution. Since the Faculty Senate will not meet again until after the last University Council meeting, this resolution will have to be brought back to University Council anew during the 2011-2012 academic year.

## **Commission on Research**

Resolution COR 2010-11A

Center and University Institutes: Establishment, Governance and Programmatic Oversight (Amendment to Policy 13005)

Dr. Jesus de la Garza presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. de la Garza informed the council members that the Commission on Research is the host commission, but the resolution involves centers and institutes from the three missions of instruction, research, and outreach. The proposed policy provided will offer consistent guidelines for the establishment, governance, and programmatic oversight of centers and institutes.

Dr. de la Garza indicated that the Commission on Research has received input and endorsements from the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs, the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, and the Commission on Faculty Affairs. The Commission on Research has also provided informational presentations to the Faculty Senate, the college administrators for research, the college administrators for graduate studies, members of the Academic Affairs Council, and institute directors.

A question was raised as to whether the revision will have an impact on existing centers and institutes. An existing institute may keep its name.

## **Commission on Student Affairs**

Resolution CSA 2010-11A

Resolution Supporting the Recycling of Receipts [Reduce Paper Waste] in Dining Halls

Mr. Nathan Lavinka presented the resolution for first reading. Mr. Lavinka introduced Bo Hart and Taylor Quicke from the Student Government Association (SGA) to answer questions about the resolution. Hart informed the council members that the SGA House and Senate worked with the Environmental Coalition and the Leadership Tech program at Virginia Tech to write the resolution. The receipts cannot be eliminated because the law requires that a printed receipt be provided to purchasers. The Commission on Student Affairs would like to have University Council's support of the recycling of receipts printed at the dining halls.

## **4. Old Business**

### **Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs**

Resolution CAPFA 2010-11A

Resolution for Change in Membership of the Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

Ms. Amy Hogan 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 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 Commission minutes is to accept them for filing. University Council By-laws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
January 31, 2011  
March 14, 2011
- Commission on Faculty Affairs  
March 18, 2011
- Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
March 16, 2011

- Commission on Research  
March 2, 2011
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs  
March 22, 2011
- Commission on Student Affairs  
March 17, 2011
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
March 28, 2011
- Commission on University Support  
March 17, 2011

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m.