

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2016

3:00 p.m.

1045 Pamplin Hall

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Dr. Timothy Sands
2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 18, 2016 Dr. Timothy Sands

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.
3. Presentation Dr. Paul Knox
Honors College
4. Old Business Dr. Timothy Sands

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity Ms. Jennifer Nardine
Resolution CEOD 2015-16B
Resolution to Update CEOD Membership to Include Caucus Representatives

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity Ms. Jennifer Nardine
Resolution CEOD 2015-16C
Resolution to Address Intersectional Diversity in Pathways Curriculum

Commission on Faculty Affairs Dr. Montasir Abbas
Resolution CFA 2015-16E
Resolution to Approve Collegiate Professor Series for Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty Members

Commission on Student Affairs Ms. Jacquelyn Fisher
Resolution CSA 2015-16C
Resolution for Revision and Expansion of the Statement of Self-Reporting and Bystander Intervention for Student Code of Conduct (Changes to Hokie Handbook – www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Commission on Student Affairs Ms. Jacquelyn Fisher
Resolution CSA 2015-16D
Resolution for the Expansion of the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct (Changes to Hokie Handbook – www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith
Resolution CUSP 2015-16K
Resolution to Approve New Major, Clinical Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

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Resolution CUSP 2015-16L
Resolution to Approve New Major, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

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Resolution to Approve New Major, Experimental Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

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Resolution CUSP 2015-16N

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith

Resolution to Approve New Major, Computational and Systems Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution CUSP 2015-16O

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith

Resolution to Establish Guidelines for Independent Study and Undergraduate Research

5. Announcement of acceptance and posting of Commission Minutes

Dr. Timothy Sands

These minutes have been accepted for filing by electronic vote and will be posted on the University web. 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
April 4, 2016

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
March 17, 2016

Commission on Research
February 10, 2016
March 2, 2016

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
April 11, 2016

Commission on University Support
March 17, 2016

6. For Information Only

Dr. Timothy Sands

Minutes of the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning
March 24, 2016

7. Adjournment

Dr. Timothy Sands

University Council Minutes
May 2, 2016
3:00 PM
1045 Pamplin Hall

Present: Tim Sands (presiding), Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Michael Friedlander, Jane Swan for Guru Ghosh, Alan Grant, Theresa Mayer, Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Angela Hayes for Charles Phlegar, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Thanassis Rikakis, Patricia Perillo, Dwight Shelton, Dan Thorp for Elizabeth Spiller, Tyler Walters, Angela Kates for Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Montasir Abbas, Jan Helge Bøhn, Gena Chandler-Smith, Jacquelyn Fisher, Saul Halfon, Edward Lener, Jennifer Nardine, Alex Parrish, Susan Volkmar, Jennifer Irish for Randolph Wynne, Susan Anderson, Rami Dalloul for Richard Ashley, Robert Bush, Joe Merola, Corinne Noirot, Anita Puckett, Susanna Rinehart, David Dillard, Tom Inzana, Paul Herr, Joan Hirt, Lisa Kennedy, Nathan King, Joshua Redding for Ana Agud, Sue Teel, Raifu Durodoye, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Michael Martin, Matthew Chan, Rebekah Martin for Homero Murzi, Tara Reel, Andrew O'Sullivan, Channing Mitchell for Warren Nooger, Tanushri Shankar, Mohammed Seyam,

Absent: Cyril Clarke (with notice), Steve McKnight, Robert Sumichrast, Andrew Tevington (with notice), Christopher Beattie, Kathrine Carter, Judy Alford (with notice), Stacey Poertner, Lynn Short, Tom Tucker (with notice), Sally Wieringa, Marwa Abdel Latif, Brett Besag (with notice), Alphonso Garrett, Tara Shockley, Stephen Hensell, Olivia Javornik, Danny Strock, Dan Cook (with notice), Morgan Sykes

Guests: Shelia Collins, Jack Finney, Rachel Gabriele, Rachel Holloway, Gary Long, Sandra Muse, April Myers, Kelsey Ottara, Ellen Plummer, Ro Settle, Naya Sou, Rick Sparks

Dr. Sands 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 18, 2016

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. Presentation

Dr. Paul Knox gave a presentation (attached) on the new Honors College.

4. Old Business

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Resolution CEOD 2015-16B

Resolution to Update CEOD Membership to Include Caucus Representatives

Ms. Jennifer Nardine presented the resolution for second reading. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Resolution CEOD 2015-16C

Resolution to Approve Intersectional Diversity in Pathways Curriculum

Ms. Jennifer Nardine presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to amend the resolution by adding the words “and update” after the word review in the last sentence of the therefore clause. The motion was seconded, and the motion to amend the resolution passed. The resolution as amended was voted on and approved unanimously.

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Resolution CFA 2015-16E

Resolution to Approve Collegiate Professor Series for Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty Members

Dr. Montasir Abbas presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. The Faculty Senate submitted a letter of endorsement. Dr. Joan Hirt stated that the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences oppose this resolution. Dr. Abbas indicated that this resolution only creates the Collegiate Professor series, but each college can choose whether to have these positions. The resolution was voted on and passed with a majority of the votes.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution CSA 2015-16C

Resolution for Revision and Expansion of the Statement of Self-Reporting and Bystander Intervention for Student Code of Conduct (Charges to Hokie Handbook – www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Jacquelyn Fisher presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution CSA 2015-16D

Resolution for the Expansion of the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct (Charges to Hokie Handbook – www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)

Ms. Jacquelyn Fisher presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. A question was raised as to why the statement, “Students can be suspended or dismissed from the university for a first offense,” which is common to any offense, is included in this infraction. Dr. Ro Settle indicated that this statement is included in some other policies. Dr. Settle indicated this language is more than likely included in some policies because there are a range of sanctions policies that address more grievous conduct. A motion was made to amend the resolution for the last sentence to be changed from “Students who are also university employees are subject to disciplinary job action” to read, “Students who are university employees are also subject to disciplinary job action.” This amendment clarifies the intent of the resolution. The motion was seconded, and the motion to amend the resolution passed. The resolution as amended was voted on and approved unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2015-16K

Resolution to Approve New Major, Clinical Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2015-16L

Resolution to Approve New Major, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2015-16M

Resolution to Approve New Major, Experimental Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2015-16N

Resolution to Approve New Major, Computational and Systems Neuroscience, in Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Resolution CUSP 2015-16O

Resolution to Establish Guidelines for Independent Study and Undergraduate Research

Dr. Gena Chandler-Smith presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. It was stated that the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences believe that this resolution undermines the quality of Virginia Tech's educational offerings, and does not solve the problem the resolution aims to solve. After discussion, the resolution was voted on and passed with a majority of the votes.

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7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting 3:47 p.m.

University Honors

Original Program founded 1968

Mission: to inspire and facilitate an extraordinary education for students of exceptional motivation and ability who seek to be active learners and who will apply their knowledge and skills to critical real-world problems.

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4000 applications this year

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University Honors has helped foster and prepare the winners of

- 2 Rhodes Scholarships,
- 2 Ford Foundation Fellowships,
- 3 Truman Scholarships,
- 3 Howard Hughes Scholarships,
- 4 Marshall Scholarships,
- 16 Udall Scholarships,
- 34 Fulbright Scholarships,
- 43 Goldwater Scholarships, and
- 119 National Science Foundation Scholarships

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University Honors provides opportunities for students to create flexible and personalized programs of study founded on five critical experiences:

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- independent learning,
- undergraduate research,
- place-based and problem-focused experiences, and
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To extend and diversify the pool of students of exceptional motivation and ability

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Nationally: 1500 Honors programs; 182 are Colleges

Among the top-ranked Colleges two-thirds are land-grant institutions; some are SCHEV peer institutions (Penn State, Michigan State, University of Maryland, Purdue, Berkeley)

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The screenshot shows the top portion of the Virginia Tech University Honors website. At the top left is the Virginia Tech logo with the tagline "Invent the Future" and the text "UNIVERSITY HONORS". To the right are navigation links: "About", "Apply", "FAQ", and "Give". Below these are secondary navigation links: "STAFF", "STUDENTS", "FACULTY RESOURCES", "AMBASSADORS", and "ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS". The main content area features a dark background with the text "CHALLENGE, EXPECTATION, OPPORTUNITY." in large white letters. Below this text are three image-based links: "PRESIDENTIAL GLOBAL SCHOLARS" (with an image of a lake and mountains), "HONORS HOUSING" (with an image of a modern building interior), and "SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY" (with an image of a group of people in a meeting).

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An opportunity to review and intensify the contribution of Honors to:

VT-shaped students

Inclusive VT

Thematic emphases of Destination Areas

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Honors College

Working groups considering:

Recruiting/admissions

Honors-wide lecture series

Customized internship programs

Alumni mentoring program

Enhanced undergraduate research & collaborative learning

Capstone Portfolio

Collaborative learning spaces on first-floor of residential communities

Tutorials & extended peer-to-peer learning

... etc etc

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Thank You

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