

**University Council Minutes**  
**May 3, 2021**  
**3:30 PM**  
**Videoconference**

**Present:** Timothy Sands (presiding), Tom Ewing for Laura Belmonte, Richard Blythe, Cyril Clarke, Lance Collins, Karen DePauw, Ron Fricker, Bryan Garey, Guru Ghosh, Daniel Givens, Edwin Jones for Alan Grant, Jon Clark Teglas for Chris Kiwus, Daniel Harrington for Lee Learman, Scott Midkiff, Ken Miller, April Myers, Kelly Oaks, Kim O'Rourke, Julie Farmer for Charles Phlegar, Dwayne Pinkney, Menah Pratt-Clarke, Julia Ross, Frank Shushok, Daniel Sui, Robert Sumichrast, Tyler Walters, Lisa Wilkes, John Benner, Rajaram Bhagavathula, Nick Copeland, Victoria Dashevsky, Paul Deck, Madlyn Frisard, Holli Gardner Drewry, Bob Hicok, Christa Miller, Masoud Agah, Diane Agud, Susan Anderson, James Hawdon, Robin Queen, Kevin Davy, Jia-Qiang He, Andre Meulenaer, Patricia Raun, David Tegarden, Judy Alford, Brandon Lester for Velva Groover, Bruce Harper, Sue Teel, Janice Austin, Amanda Coleman, Karen Eley Sanders, Conaway Haskins, Inga Haugen, Sally Shupe, Awad Abdelhalim, Lia Kelinsky-Jones, Jack Leff, Adyan Atiq, Miles Guth, Sharan Patnik, Alex Pomeroy, Eric Kaufman, and Tamarah Smith

**Absent with Notice:** Michael Friedlander, Serena Young, and Brandy Morse

**Absent:** Steve McKnight, Paul Winistorfer, Eloise Coupey, Cayce Myers, David Bieri, Laszlo Horvath, Kathy Lu, Megan Wawro, Teresa Lyons, Jenny McCoy, Blake Barnhill, D'Arrin Calloway, Camellia Pastore, and Sabrina Sturgeon

**Guests:** Ben Beiter, Lori Buchanan, Kari Evans, Jack Finney, Tara Frank, Debbie Greer, Dee Harris, Maruf Hoque, Phil Miskovic, Aidan Murphy, Ellen Plummer, Chad Proudfoot, John Provo, Susan Short, Rick Sparks, and Stacey Wilkerson

Dr. Sands 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 April 19, 2021**

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. Old Business**

**Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs**

**Resolution CAPFA 2020-21C**

Resolution to Revise Chapter 7 of the Faculty Handbook

Holli Gardner Drewry presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. Since the first reading a change has been made to section 7.7.4 of the Faculty Handbook adding University Policy 1026 to the list of items that cannot be grieved. University Legal Counsel and the Office for Equity and Accessibility have agreed to this change. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Faculty Affairs****Resolution CFA 2020-21G**

Resolution to Extend Term Limit for Postdoctoral Associate Faculty Appointments

Bob Hicok presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies****Resolution CGPSP 2020-21E**

Resolution to Rename the Department of Interprofessionalism in the VTCSOM to the Department of Healthcare Innovation and Implementation Science

Madlyn Frisard presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Student Affairs****Resolution CSA 2020-21B**

Resolution to Approve the Establishment of an Undergraduate Student Senate (USS)

Miles Guth presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed. [Note: The actual Undergraduate Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws will be drafted and submitted for approval through the governance system during the 2021-22 academic year.]

**Commission on Student Affairs****Resolution CSA 2020-21C**

Resolution to Amend in its Entirety the Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly and Reenact as "The Constitution of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate"

Miles Guth presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. Ben Beiter from the Graduate Student Assembly Judicial Branch indicated that after receiving feedback during the first reading of the resolution some minor changes have been made to the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution. A transition team, which will include the newly elected executive board, has been created to address any further issues over the summer. One item the transition team will be reviewing is the timing of elections for the executive board. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies****Resolution CUSP 2020-21J**

Resolution to Establish Continuous Enrollment Policy for Undergraduate Students

Paul Deck presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. After first reading, based on feedback, a few changes were made in the resolution (highlighted in yellow) that was sent out to the University Council membership prior to this meeting. The name of the resolution was changed from "Resolution to Establish a Readmission Policy for Undergraduate Students" to "Resolution to Establish a Continuous Enrollment Policy for Undergraduate Students," to better reflect what the purpose of the policy is in a positive light. This wording was also changed in one of the whereas statements. Also, based on advice from University Legal Counsel and Student Affairs, language was added stating that students who are suspended from the university due to a student code of conduct sanction will automatically be re-enrolled per sanction terms; students do not need to take any action to return to active status after being suspended from the student code of conduct. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

#### **4. 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 Bylaws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs  
March 10, 2021
- Commission Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies  
March 17, 2021  
April 7, 2021
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs  
March 23, 2021
- Commission on Student Affairs  
March 4, 2021
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
April 12, 2021

#### **5. Presentation**

John Provo, Director, Office of Economic Development, gave a presentation (attached) on the Center for Economic and Community Engagement.

#### **6. Announcement**

President Sands announced that plans are under way to resume in-person meetings with the option to participate via Zoom beginning in the fall semester.

#### **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

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EXPANDING OUR  
REACH, RANGE,  
& RETURNS



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## A new vision

The **CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** will advance Virginia Tech as a global land-grant institution, serving as a national, state, and university-recognized champion and exemplar for economic and community engagement, applied economic and policy research, community problem-solving, and development-related thought leadership.



## Advancing Beyond Boundaries

- Increase Virginia Tech's regional, national, and global ***IMPACT***.
- Elevate the ***UT PROSIM DIFFERENCE*** by addressing critical societal needs such as the current economic crisis, along with longer-term post-COVID economic restructuring.
- Bring a uniquely ***TRANSDISCIPLINARY***, high-impact approach to engagement, discovery, and learning.
- Build on the university's unique position to respond to the state's challenging ***URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE***.







Vibrant Virginia is building connections between urban and rural and creating a Virginia full of economic vitality.

## Expanded REACH

- Operate university-wide, touching every college and institute with economic engagement; opportunities for applied research, experiential learning, and service to the commonwealth.
- Deploy across all regions of Virginia, serving as the key gateway for state agencies like the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, as well as economic and community development stakeholders at the regional and local level.
- Work with an array of national partners, such as the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the Kauffman Foundation, the Association for Public and Land-grant Universities, and the University Economic Development Association.



“We completed a number of product development and process improvement projects with **Volvo** and their suppliers to grow their influence in the region. More recently, we worked with **Mack Trucks** as they developed a new product line that will be established at a new factory in Roanoke.”

— MATT EARNEST  
VT Center for High Performance Manufacturing



## Expanded RANGE

- Provide strategic planning and analysis, conduct economic impact and market analysis, feasibility studies, and other applied research projects for state, regional, and local partners.
- Build unique teams across disciplines within the university that provide high impact results for our external partners, and special opportunities for our faculty and students.
- Translate work into published scholarship, provide opportunities for dialogue between policymakers, practitioners, and scholars, and advance the field of economic and community development.



Nearly \$1 million in state funding awarded to projects aimed at growing the regional economy and helping it recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.



*“The state has approved 100% of the Region 2 recommended projects, which I credit to the Office of Economic Development’s review and assistance to those seeking funding.” — RAY SMOOT*

## Expanded RETURNS

- We will grow the economy of the commonwealth by connecting the intellectual capital of Virginia Tech with public, private, and nonprofit partners across all regions of the state.
- We will secure resources to support economic engagement of faculty and students; advancing their interests in research and discovery, as well as the university's Beyond Boundaries goals.
- We will elevate efforts at economic and community engagement underway across Virginia Tech, supporting and articulating the university's contribution across the state and nationally.







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*“Without the assistance from the Virginia Tech OED, we would not have made any progress on this exciting project.”*

**— KEITH BARKER,  
Galax City Manager**

2019 OED  
Studio Class:  
Redeveloping  
the Vaughan  
Furniture  
Building in  
Galax, Virginia





University Council Votes

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Do you approve the May 3, 2021, University Council agenda?</b>	<b>Do you approve CAPFA Resolution 2020-21C?</b>	<b>Do you approve CFA Resolution 2020-21G?</b>	<b>Do you approve CGPSP Resolution 2020-21E?</b>	<b>Do you approve CSA Resolution 2020-21B?</b>	<b>Do you approve CSA Resolution 2020-21C?</b>	<b>Do you approve CUSP Resolution 2020-21J?</b>
Sally Shupe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rajaram Bhagavathula	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kim O'Rourke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nick Copeland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richard Blythe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Frank Shushok	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tyler Walters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bruce Harper	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Julie Ross	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jack Leff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alex Pomeroy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Karen DePauw	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amanda Coleman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Conaway Haskins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bryan Garey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James Hawdon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sue Teel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Christa Miller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guru Ghosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Menah Pratt-Clarke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Awad Abdelhalim	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Janice Austin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Masoud Agah	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bob Hicok	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kelly Oaks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adyan Atiq	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patty Raun	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edwin Jones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madlyn Frisard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan Givens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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Victoria Dashevsky	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response