

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 17, 2014**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**1045 Pamplin Hall**  
**AGENDA**

1. Adoption of Agenda Dr. Charles Steger
  
2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 3, 2014 Dr. Charles Steger  

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the University web.
  
3. New Business Dr. Charles Steger  

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Dr. Joseph Eifert  
Resolution 2013-14A  
Resolution to Establish a Master of Arts Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
Resolution 2013-14D  
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics
  
4. Old Business Dr. Charles Steger  

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp  
Resolution 2013-14C  
Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology
  
5. Adjournment Dr. Charles Steger

**University Council Minutes**  
**February 17, 2014**  
**3:00 PM**  
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**Present:** Charles Steger (presiding), Erik Westman for Richard Benson, Lay Nam Chang, Cyril Clarke, Jack Davis, Karen DePauw, Angela Hayes for Elizabeth Flanagan, Gerhardt Schurig for Guru Ghosh, Alan Grant, Joan Hirt, Mark McNamee, Scott Midkiff, Kim O'Rourke, Savita Sharma for Dwight Shelton, Kay Hunnings for Robert Sumichrast, Martin Daniel for Robert Walters, Tyler Walters, Vickie Chiocca for Sherwood Wilson, Paul Winistorfer, Carlyle Brewster, Jesus de la Garza, Joseph Eifert, Kylie Gilbert, Jennifer Hundley, Robin Lawson, Rami Dalloul for Mayuresh Patil, Audrey Zink-Sharp, Susan Anderson, Charlene Eska, Scott Nelson, Bruce Pencek, Susanna Rinehart, Eugene Brown, Paul Herr, Leanna House, William Huckle, Tom Fox, Sam Riley, Jen Averill, Darla Chudzik, Cyndy Graham, Stacey Poertner, Marwa Abdel Latif, Brett Besag, Aaron Bond, Kyrille Goldbeck DeBose, Michael Martin, Samantha Erwin, Jordan Disney, Taylor Fix, Anjelica Smith, Joe Merola, Sue Teel

**Absent:** William Lewis, Patricia Perillo, Laura Rugless (with notice), Tom Tillar, Dan Cook (with notice), Maxine Lyons, Mike Denbow, Dave Dugas, Ana Agud (with notice), Judy Alford, Melissa Means, Morgan Esters, Karisa Moore (with notice), Shaimaa Abdallah, Mordecai Harvey, Luke Carroll, Rachel Estariz (with notice), Daniel Pierce-Parra, Nick Warrington, Erica Wood

**Guests:** Jack Finney, Peter Haskell, Gary Long, J.P. Morgan, April Myers, Ellen Plummer, David Popham, Katrina Powell, Anthony Scott, Eric Smith, Ann Stevens, Richard Walker

Dr. Steger 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 February 3, 2014**

Dr. Steger 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 2013-14A

Resolution to Establish a Master of Arts Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

Dr. Joseph Eifert presented the resolution for first reading. Dr. Eifert indicated that this degree is based in the Sociology Department and will be effective Fall 2015. Dr. Eifert introduced Dr. Katrina Powell to answer any questions. There was no discussion on the resolution.

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution 2013-14D

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics

Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for first reading. This degree comes out of the Department of Math and the Department of Statistics in the College of Science as well as the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering. Dr. Zink-Sharp introduced Dr. Eric Smith from the Department of Statistics to give comments about the resolution. Dr. Smith mentioned that this degree came out of the need to start working on data science (big data). The reason it is a joint degree is because the integration of the three departments will better prepare students to meet job demands.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

Resolution 2013-14C

Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology

Dr. Zink-Sharp presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

#### **5. Update from the General Assembly**

Dr. Steger announced that university officials are still working to get a 3 percent base salary increase, rather than a one-time bonus. There may be some increase in operating dollars for the university, but there will be no money for capital projects. The General Assembly session is scheduled to end on March 8.

#### **6. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.