University Council
2026–2027 Members

Chair – President (non-voting)

Tim Sands	President	Ex Officio

Secretary of University Council (non-voting)

April Myers	Secretary	Ex officio

Vice Presidents (By virtue of position)

Julie Ross	Executive Vice President and Provost	Ex officio
Amy Sebring	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	Ex officio
Laurel Miner	Designee for Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer	Ex officio
Bryan Garey	Vice President for Human Resources	Ex officio
Vacant	Vice President for Strategic Affairs	Ex officio
Frances Keene	Vice President for Student Affairs	Ex officio
Kim O'Rourke	Vice President for Policy and Governance	Ex officio
Guru Ghosh	Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs	Ex officio

Dean of the Graduate School (By virtue of position)

Aimée Suprenant		Ex officio

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs (By virtue of position)

Jill Sible		Ex officio

College Deans (By virtue of position)

Mario Ferruzzi	Agriculture and Life Sciences	Ex officio
Daniel Givens	Veterinary Medicine	Ex officio
Laura Belmonte	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	Ex officio
Tsai Lu Liu	Architecture, Arts, and Design	Ex officio
Kevin Pitts	Science	Ex officio
Saskia van de Gevel	Natural Resources and Environment	Ex officio
Warren Dixon	Engineering	Ex officio
Saonee Sarker	Business	Ex officio
Lee Learman	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	Ex officio

Dean of University Libraries (By virtue of position)

Tyler Walters		Ex officio

Dean of Honors College (By virtue of position)

Rebecca Bott		Ex officio

Department Heads Council Chair and Vice Chair (By virtue of position)

Jennifer Johnson	Sociology	2027
Tracy Rutherford	Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education	2027

Senate Leadership and BOV Representatives (By virtue of position)		
Justin Lemkul	President of the Faculty Senate	2027
Rachel Miles	Immediate Past President of the Faculty Senate or designee	2027
Jim Hawdon	Vice President of the Faculty Senate	2027
Marlena Lester	President of the A/P Faculty Senate	2027
Nikki Connors	Vice President of the A/P Faculty Senate	2027
Erica Cooper	Secretary of the A/P Faculty Senate	2027
Amber Hagan	President of the Staff Senate	2027
Gabe Petry	Vice President of the Staff Senate	2027
Jasmine Boyd	Operations Manager of the Staff Senate	2027
Lindsay Ricci	President of the USS	2027
Atharva Shashank Kokane	VP for Shared Governance for the USS	2027
Robert Waugh	VP and Representative to the BOV for the USS	2027
Maya Farrar	VP for Issues and Policy for the USS	2027
Shuvro Das	President of the GPSS	2027
Mohammed El Kihal	Vice President of the GPSS	2027
Jabreel Walker	Director of Communications & Secretary of the GPSS	2027
Helen Phillips	Graduate & Professional Student Representative to the BOV	2027
Faculty Senators from each of the Academic Colleges		
Diane Agud	Science	2029
Jan Helge Bøhn	Engineering	2029
Eric Martin	Business	2028
Jerald Walz	Agriculture and Life Sciences	2029
Ron Meyers	Natural Resources and Environment	2027
Kim Loeffert	Architecture, Arts, and Design	2027
Rebecca Hester	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2027
David Xie	Veterinary Medicine	2027
Curtis Bower	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2029
A/P Faculty Senator		
Paul Taylor	Technology, Strategy, and Planning	2028
Staff Senators		
Kayla Robertson	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2029
LaTawnya Burleson	Office of the Vice President for Information Technology	2027
Clay Crumpler	Facilities and Maintenance	2028
Representatives elected by the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity		

The work of the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity remains paused for 2026-27. - These seats will be considered vacant and will not count toward quorum.

Kelly Oaks	Civil Rights Compliance and Prevention Education	Ex officio
Vacant		2027
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Larry Cox	Black Caucus	2027

Representative elected by the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA)		
Penelope Muelenaer	Chair of COIA	2027

Commission Chairs (non-voting)		
Pooja Bhagawat	Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs (CGPSA)	2027
Sherwood Clements	Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies (CUSP)	2027
Ryan Calder	Commission on Research (COR)	2027
Jake Lahne	Commission on Faculty Affairs (CFA)	2027