

University Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2015

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm by Chair, Anand Rao.

Members Present: Marie Scheckels (COE), Janine Davis (COE), Deb O'Dell (CAS), Kurt Glaeser (CAS), Chuck Whipkey (CAS), Margaret Ray (CAS), Paul Fallon (CAS), Marie Wellington (CAS), Rosalyn Cooperman (CAS), David Rettinger (CAS). Gregg Stull (at-large), Anand Rao (at-large); Kristin Marsh (at-large), Ken Machande (COB), Woody Richardson (COB), David Ambuel (CAS, by proxy), Dave Henderson (COB, by proxy)

Members, ex-officio: Jonathan Levin (Provost)

Members Absent: John Broome (COE), Rick Hurley (President, ex-officio), Alex Obolensky (SGA Representative – ex officio)

Others in attendance: John Morello (Associate Provost), Nina Mikhalevsky (COE), Lynne Richardson (CoB), R. Finkelstein (CAS), Marjorie Och (CAS), Rosemary Arneson (Library), Sabrina Johnson (HR), Gary Richards (CAS), Betsy Lewis (CAS), Scott Powers (CAS) John Morello (Provost), Juliette Landphair (Student Affairs), Tim O'Donnell (CAS), Warren Rochelle (CAS), Denise Frye (HR), Debra Schleef (CAS), Keith Melinger (CAS), Craig Vasey (CAS)

II. Reports were received from the Provost, Dean of Arts and Sciences, SGA Representative, and UFC Chair. Guest Reports were received from Juliette Landphair, who spoke about the Division of Student Affairs, and Sabrina Johnson, who spoke about the developing issues with the Virginia Retirement System switching its Optional Retirement Plan provider.

III. The Chair moved to accept the minutes of the previous UFC meeting and all curricular items presented on the agenda, which were available for review in advance of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. A guest report was received from Scott Powers, who chaired an ad-hoc committee on the foreign language requirement, which the chair will send to the Academic Affairs Committee for action with the intent of developing policy for implementation of the recommendation targeted for the fall semester of 2017.

A guest report was received from Sushma Subramaniam requesting the UFC to consider creating a Journalism Advisory Committee, which the Chair will send to the Faculty Organization Committee for further consideration.

V. Deb O'Dell requested that the agenda be change to address the first item listed under new business, the UAAC motion to change the Catalog language about short term military absences, next as it had been previously tabled. The UFC had no discussion or comment on the motion. The Chair called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business. The UFOC made a motion to make the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Committee a University level committee. The UFC had no discussion on the matter, so the Chair called the question which carried unanimously.

The alternative course model was discussed, and while no action was taken on it, the Provost proposed to assemble a “Workload” ad hoc committee to determine the workload that faculty bears considering the many issues surrounding the measurement of workload equity.

VII. New Business. The UFC Resolution on Divestment for a Sustainable Future was tabled to allow time for the President’s council on sustainability to complete its study before action is taken by the UFC.

The UAAC motion to change the UMW policy on retroactive administrative withdrawals was tabled.

The UAAC motion to change the UMW policy on grading with honor cases are pending was tabled.

The UCC’s motion to table any proposals that the committee deems represent a change to an alternative course model until such time as a policy regarding alternative course models is passed by the UFC was discussed. David Rettinger asked to call the question. The motion passed with a vote of 7-6, with one abstention. (The reason that there were not 17 votes was because some members had to leave for other obligation as the meeting progressed.)

IV. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UFC is on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 3:30 pm, in the Hurley Convergence Center’s Digital Auditorium.