

**BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 24, 2014
MINUTES**

Present representing the Board of Visitors were:

Andrea Kilmer, Chair
Fred J. Whyte (ex-officio)
J. William Cofer
Dee D. Gilmore
Mary Maniscalco-Theberge

Present at the invitation of the Committee were:

John R. Broderick
Carol Simpson
Rodger Harvey
Debbie Bauman
Judy Bowman
Jane Dane´
Jeremy Dickerson
Kathenne French
Scott Harrison
Leslie Mason
Colleen McCarten
Ellen Neufeldt
Sara Nobles
Bill Sizemore
Elizabeth Wendling
Jay Wright
Bo Ram Yi

I. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2013 MINUTES

The minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting were approved.

II. TENURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Carol Simpson briefed the Committee on the University’s policy and procedures on tenure and provided data related to faculty.

III. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee recessed and reconvened in closed session to discuss the award of tenure to 21 faculty members and the appointment of one faculty member with tenure.

IV. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee convened again in open session. A motion was made by Dr. Mary Maniscalco-Theberge and seconded by Mr. Cofer to approve the award of tenure to 21 faculty members. The motion to award tenure to these faculty members was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge, Whyte).

A motion was made by Ms. Kilmer and seconded by Dr. Mary Maniscalco-Theberge to approve the appointment of one faculty member with tenure. The motion to appoint Piotr Kraj with tenure in the Department of Biological Sciences was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge, Whyte).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Maniscalco-Theberge and seconded by Ms. Gilmore to approve the resolutions on 29 faculty appointments, 21 administrative appointments, appointment of the Batten Endowed Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, three emeritus/emerita appointments, and one posthumous emeritus appointment. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge, Whyte).

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Maniscalco-Theberge and seconded by Mr. Cofer to approve the proposed new policy on Priority Preregistration for Active Duty, Veterans, Reservists, and Virginia National Guard Service Members. The policy is required in order to comply with the Code of Virginia in establishing a policy that recognizes the scheduling difficulties and obligations encountered by active duty members of the United States armed forces. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge).

A motion was made by Dr. Maniscalco-Theberge and seconded by Mr. Cofer to approve the proposal to rename the College of Continuing Education to the College of Continuing Education and Professional Development. Adding Professional Development is consistent with the mission of the new College, which includes providing high quality professional development opportunities to nontraditional learners. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge).

A motion was made by Dr. Maniscalco-Theberge and seconded by Mr. Cofer to approve the proposal to rename the Office of International Student and Scholar Services as the Office of Visa and Immigration Service Advising. The new name more accurately reflects the work currently

done in the office related to federal regulations and compliance matters. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge).

A motion was made by Dr. Maniscalco-Theberge and seconded by Mr. Cofer to approve the proposed revisions to the policy on Tenure. The revisions concern the language in the policy that allows for shortening the probationary period in the case of exceptional merit and performance. The policy has also been revised to state that individuals should be considered for tenure only once. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge).

A motion was made by Dr. Maniscalco-Theberge and seconded by Mr. Cofer to approve the proposed revisions to the policy on Posthumous Degree or Certificate of Recognition or Achievement for Terminally Ill and Deceased Students. The revisions specify that the President should be the University official who approves exceptions to the policy and communicates with the next of kin. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Cofer, Gilmore, Kilmer, Maniscalco-Theberge).

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Committee members received the report on promotions in rank effective for 2014-15. In the report from the Provost, Carol Simpson presented a summary of significant accomplishments during the last five years for the 2009-14 Strategic Plan.

In the report from the Vice President for Research, Rodger Harvey provided an update of research expenditures for FY13, as well as the new intramural investments the Office of Research is making over the next academic year. He also provided a comparison of the University's NSF research expenditures and changes from FY11 in rankings based on research expenditures alone and showed a comparison to these metrics as the methods for rankings have been adjusted by NSF over the last year.