

Minutes
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
February 28, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 P.M. 230 Student Services Building

Present: S. McMullin (Chair); D. Thorp; D. Wubah; C. Clemenz for S. Sorensen; S. Sumner for A. Grant; S. Case for R Benson; D. Russell; J. Kim for R. Panneton; T. Clements; J. Penven; R. Holloway; M. Cardman; C. Meier; D. Stauffer; J. Sible for L. Chang; A. Studley; Y. Stivacytis; L. Anderson

Absent with Notification: S. Taheri; M. Denbow

Absent without Notification: D. Patterson; G. Kelly; K. DePauw; G. Schurig; M. Leung; J. Davis; A. Hawthorne; A. Reightier

Visitors: W. Ashton; M. Maloney; T. Ogle; M. Lewis; N. Kegley; J. Thweat

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Steve McMullin, Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

Approval of CUSP minutes

The motion was made and seconded to approve the February 14, 2011 Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies minutes. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2010-2011.C

Resolution to Revise the Constitution of the Undergraduate Honor System

Michael Cardman, Chief Justice, University Honor System, presented Resolution 2010-11.C, "*Resolution to Revise the Constitution of the Undergraduate Honor System,*" effective Fall Semester 2011 for first reading. Motion was seconded and approved. Mr. Cardman explained that the Honor System Constitution has not been updated within the last ten years. He explained that the review board has updated the Constitution as to improve readability, content clarity and elaboration of its core information, notably the areas of education and academic sanctions.

Resolution 2010-2011.D

Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology

Steve McMullin, Chair, Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, presented Resolution 2010-11.D, "*Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science in Meteorology,*"

effective Spring 2012 for first reading. Dean Stauffer, Associate Dean, College of Natural Resources and Environment, shared the current strong demand for meteorologists and the College of Natural Resources and Environment has been slowly phasing in Meteorology courses over the most recent 3 years. He also noted the uniqueness of the program in Virginia.

Old Business

Resolution 2010-2011.B

Pass/Fail Policy Grade Option for Undergraduates (Revised Policy No. 204)

Rachel Holloway, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, moved for approval of the second reading of Resolution 2010-11.B, “*Resolution to Approve the Pass/Fail Grade Options for Undergraduates (Revised Policy No. 204,)*” effective Fall Semester 2011. Rachel reaffirmed that with the change in policy all students will be able to take twelve pass/fail credits at Virginia Tech no matter how many hours they transfer from other institutions. Classes that are offered Pass/Fail only are excluded from the allowable hours. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Reports from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

Linda Anderson presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of February 11, 2011. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of February 11, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

New Courses Effective Fall 2011

Pamplin College of Business

ACIS 4534 – Accounting Information Systems Architecture

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

ENGL 4065-4066 – Contemporary Approaches to Linguistics

College of Engineering

ME 4864 – Micro/Nano-Robotics

ECE 4571 – Digital Image Processing *

College of Science

BIOL 4564 – Infectious Disease Ecology

GEOS 1034 – Earth’s Natural Hazards

Revised Courses Effective Fall 2011

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

COMM 3154 – Multimedia Reporting

COMM 3174 – Advanced Multimedia Reporting
COMM 4154 – Digital Newsroom

Revised Courses Effective Spring 2012

College of Engineering
ESM 3154 – Solid Mechanics

New Courses Effective Fall 2012

College of Engineering
ENGR 4134 – Environmental Life Cycle Assessment

New Degree and Checksheet Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2012

College on Natural Resources and Environment
Bachelor of Science in Meteorology

Revised Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2013

College of Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (ME)

College of Science
Minor in Statistics (STAT)

*** ECE 4571 was approved upon the condition that the number be changed**

University Curriculum Committee on Liberal Education

Rachel Holloway presented the University Curriculum Committee on Liberal Education minutes of February 2, 2011. The motion to approve the University Curriculum Committee on Liberal Education minutes of February 2, 2011, the motion passed unanimously.

University Commencement Committee

Jill Sible presented the University Commencement Committee minutes of February 2, 2011. The motion was made and seconded to accept the University Commencement Committee minutes of February 2, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Daniel Wubah, Vice President and Dean of Undergraduate Education, provided an overview of the document, *Vision for Undergraduate Education*, for the Commission. Dr. Wubah explained the four thematic cornerstones of the undergraduate experience as self awareness, service, peer mentoring, and leadership. The main objectives of the

Vision platform include improvement to advising resources, enhancement of experiential learning opportunities, enabling university participation through identification of resources, and fostering an environment of continuous assessment. He noted that it is understood the *Vision* is a resource as the university moves forward with creating the new University Strategic Plan. Understanding that identification of required resources is integral to success, Dr. Wubah noted he will provide leadership for identification of resources at the university level as well as partnerships with the colleges. Steve McMullin asked what action is required of the Commission as related to the document and Dr. Wubah responded communication of support would be helpful.

Todd Ogle proposed to the committee that from now on, all committee meeting materials be available online. Rachel Holloway called for a motion to approve the new development of making all materials available online instead of mass distribution by the Registrar's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm

Submitted by,
Megan Maloney
Office of the University Registrar