

Minutes
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
April 27, 2009
3:00– 5:00 P.M. 230 Student Services Building

Present: M. Denbow, (Acting Chair); B. Watford for R. Benson; K Strickler for R. Daniel; M. Azeke for C Clemenz; E. Fox; L. Anderson; J Brozovsky; M. Lewis; C. Meier; C. Wood; J. Penven; J. Browder; J. Duke; C. Finkelstein; R Oderwald

Absent with Notification: D. Zahm

Absent without notification: R. Avery; A. Boyce; M. McNamee; G. Schurig; M. Parette; E. Kline; J. Vaziralli; Z. Bahta; K. Collins; D. Tinsley; C. Quinn; S. Quisenberry; D. Russell; M. Kelly; L. N. Chang; J. Moore

Visitors: M. Maloney; W. Ashton; Paul Deck; Alan McDaniel

● Call to Order and Announcements -

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Mike Denbow, Acting Chair.

● Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion was made to amend the agenda to include approval of the CUC report of 4/24/09. The motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to include the University Athletic Committee minutes of 3/26/09. The motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to include the University Curriculum Committee on Liberal Education discussion on the ViEWS program. With these modifications, the motion to approve the agenda as amended passed unanimously.

● The motion was made and seconded to approve the April 13, 2009 Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies minutes. It was suggested that the postponement due to time constraints of the presentation concerning ViEWS by the University Curriculum Committee from the CUSP meeting of April 13, 2009 With this modification, the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

● Report from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

● Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

Carla Finkelstein presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of April 10, 2009. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of April 10, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Carla Finkelstein presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of April 24, 2009. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of April 24, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

For “First and Second Reading”

Unanimous Approval

Courses Effective Summer II 2009

ENGE 1434- Fundamentals of Engineering (new)

Courses Effective Fall 2009

AAEC 2434- Agribusiness Management and Finance (new)

AT 0104- Computer Applications (revised)

ME 3145-3146- Fundamentals of Nuclear Engineering (new)

CS 4644 Creative Computing Studio (new)

ENGL 4024: Cultural Studies Theory and Practice (revised)

FOR 3364 Forest Ecology and Sustainability (revised)

FOR 3574: Environmental Education Service Learning (new)

CEE 4064- Design for Hazard Control in Construction (new)

CEE 4544- Geotechnics for Land Development (revised)

CEE 3274- Introduction to Land Development Design (new)

CEE 4264- Sustainable Land Development (new)

WS 1824- Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (revised)

ENGL 2614- The English Studies ePortfolio (revised)

PHIL 3024- Philosophical Movements (revised)

Courses to be Crosslisted Effective Fall 2009

TA/COMM 2054- Introduction to Film (revised)

TA/COMM 3194- Digital Cinema Production (revised)

TA/COMM 3054- American Film Genres (revised)

TA/COMM 4084- Film History (revised)

TA/COMM 4294- Writing and Directing for Digital Cinema

TA/COMM 4344- Advanced Topics in Film (revised)

TA/COMM 4354- The Film Director (revised)

TA/COMM 4394- Advanced Cinema Production (revised)

Minors and Designators Effective Fall 2009

CSES: Minor in Wetlands Science (WESC) (new)

Discontinuation of Options and Designators Effective at the End of Fall 2009

Biological Sciences- Pharmacy Option (PARM)

Biological Sciences- Clinical Laboratory Science Option (CLSC)

Biological Sciences- Bio-Business Option (BIOB)

Biological Sciences- Food Science Option (FSC)

Biological Sciences- Ecology Option (ECOL)

Courses Effective Spring 2010

AAEC 3014- Analytical Methods in Applied Economics (new)

AAEC 3024- Monetary and Global Issues in Applied Economics (new)

AAEC 4334- Applications in Rural and Regional Development (new)

CS 3214 Computer Systems (new)

CS 3744 Introduction to GUI Programming and Graphics (new)

Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2010

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (revised)
Bachelor of Sciences in Geosciences-Earth Education Option (revised)

Discontinuation of Minor Effective for Student Graduating at the end of Fall 2010

Leadership and Social Change Cross Program Degree Option

Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2011

Minor in Actuarial Science (revised)
Minor in Statistics (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Statistics (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (revised)
Minor in Leadership and Social Change (ILRM) (revised)
CSES: Minor in Wetlands Science (new)

Discontinuation of Minor Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2011

Minor in Building Construction (BC)

Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2012

Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences (revised)
Minor in Biological Sciences (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences – Mirco/Immunology Option (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences – Biotechnology Option Checksheet (revised)

● **University Commencement Committee**

Mercy Azeke presented the University Commencement Committee minutes of April 1, 2009. The motion was made and seconded to accept the University Commencement Committee minutes of April 1, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

● **University Athletics Committee**

Mary Ann Lewis presented the University Athletics Committee minutes of March 26, 2009. The motion was made and seconded to accept the University Athletics Committee minutes of March 26, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

● **Other Business**

Discussion was made about the GCSP/CUSP memo provided by Diane Zahm. It was determined that an undergraduate sub-committee be formed to create a draft detailing the concerns toward this proposal. The sub-committee would meet over the summer to fulfill this need and then present for approval its findings/ concerns at the next CUSP meeting. Members of the CUSP who volunteered to be on this sub-committee include: D. Zahm, C. Finkelstein, J. Brozovsky, B. Watford, and R. Oderwald.

Alan McDaniel presented the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Honors System Case Statistics, 2008-2009 (Four Year Historical) report. He stated that plagiarism still accounts for the vast majority of offenses, perhaps due to the ability of students to utilize “cut and paste” from the internet. It was stated that there has been an influx in cheating cases from Engineering. Alan also presented the need to better educate students and faculty so that they have an advanced awareness of what cheating entails and suggested an opportune time for presentation may be during freshman/transfer orientation. He also stated that one of concerns in dealing with these problems is the office location, noting that they are located off campus and somewhat hidden, which may impair students and faculty from actively seeking assistance. He felt this must be changed for his department to effectively do their jobs to the best of their ability.

Cindy Wood presented the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education findings on ViEWS. It was determined that ViEWS was initiated to replace the writing intensive requirement, but the details of ViEWS remain unclear. It was presented that it is unclear if ViEWS is a graduation requirement, or simply for assessment purposes. The University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education has stated that they believe that ViEWS should be a graduation requirement. It was determined that ViEWS has been introduced in some departments, but it has no structure, no meaning, and no home. It was noted that even if a department includes ViEWS in its curriculum there is no monitoring system to make sure it is being enforced. It was stated that no one knows what ViEWS really is, or how or it should be implemented into the University requirements. The University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education recommended that CUSP assign responsibility for ViEWS policy to either UCCLE or CUC to determine the following points:

- 1) Is ViEWS a University requirement?
- 2) If ViEWS is not a University requirement, should it be?
- 3) How can the program be changed so that it is easy to follow?
- 4) Who will be responsible for making updates and ensuring that the requirements are met?

This concluded the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education suggestions concerning the ViEWS program.

●The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
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