

**Minutes**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**March 14, 2011**  
**3:00 – 5:00 P.M. 230 Student Services Building**

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

Absent with Notification: S. Taheri; M. Denbow; R. Benson

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

Visitors: W. Ashton; M. Maloney; T. Ogle; R. Hall

### **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. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

### **Announcement of approval and posting of CUSP minutes**

Steve McMullin announced that the CUSP minutes of February 28, 2011 were previously approved electronically and are available on the website of the Office of the University Registrar ([http://www.registrar.vt.edu/faculty\\_staff/governance\\_meeting\\_dates.php](http://www.registrar.vt.edu/faculty_staff/governance_meeting_dates.php)).

### **Old 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 second reading and approval. The motion to approve Resolution 2010-11.C, "*Resolution to Revise the Constitution of the Undergraduate Honor System,*" effective Fall Semester 2011 was approved unanimously.

#### **Resolution 2010-2011.D**

##### ***Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology***

Dean Stauffer, Associate Dean, College of Natural Resources, presented Resolution 2010-11.D, "*Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science in Meteorology,*" effective Spring 2012 for second reading and approval. The motion to approve Resolution 2010-

11.D, “*Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science in Meteorology,*” effective Spring 2012 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 25, 2011. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of February 25, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

**For “First and Second Reading”  
Unanimous Approval**

### **New Courses Effective Fall 2011**

#### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

PPWS 4104 – Plant Pathology  
APSC 4064 – Issues in Companion Animal Management  
APSC 4124 – Equine Health and Disease  
APSC 4224 – Equine Exercise Physiology  
APSC 4624 – Topics in Equine Science

#### **College of Architecture and Urban Studies**

ITDS 4114 – Sustainable Design and the LEED Building Rating System

### **New Courses Effective Spring 2012**

#### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

DASC(APSC) 3134 – Animal Agriculture and the Environment  
APSC 4324 – Equine Reproduction and Neonatal Care

### **Revised Courses Effective Spring 2012**

#### **College of Architecture and Urban Studies**

ITDS 3054 – Interior Design IV

### **Revised Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2013**

#### **Pamplin College of Business**

Bachelor of Science in Business – Accounting and Information Systems – Information Systems Audit Option

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences – International Agriculture Option

## **Revised Minor Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2013**

### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Minor in Leadership and Social Change

### **University Athletic Committee**

Jamie Penven presented the minutes of the December 1, 2010 University Athletic Committee minutes for approval. The motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2010 passed unanimously.

### **Other Business**

#### **Overview of Proposed Changes to Policies Related to Virginia Tech centers and institutes**

Rod Hall, Associate Vice President for Research, presented an overview of proposed changes to policies related to Virginia Tech centers and institutes. Dr. Hall discussed the amendments to Policy 13005 and revisions to Policy 3020 currently being considered by the Commission on Research. As described, the intent of the amendments and revisions is to allow both policies to work in tandem, such that either policy can be read and understood independent of the other while eliminating conflict between the two.

Following revisions, Policy 3020 will continue to focus on financial and administrative oversight of centers. As amended, Policy 13005 defines the policies and procedures for each level of center and for University Institutes and establishes programmatic review of centers, University Institutes and their directors as well as procedures for continuing or discontinuing centers and University Institutes following review. Dr. Hall asked that the Commission provide feedback on the proposed revisions prior to second reading of the Resolution at the Commission on Research on April 6th.

It was determined that the documents would be made available on the website of the Office of the University Registrar ([http://www.registrar.vt.edu/faculty\\_staff/governance\\_CUSP\\_materials.php](http://www.registrar.vt.edu/faculty_staff/governance_CUSP_materials.php)) and that the Commission will review the documents and discuss them at the next CUSP meeting on March 28, 2011.

#### **Discussion on statement of support for *Vision for Undergraduate Education***

Steve McMullin opened discussion of a letter of support for the *Vision for Undergraduate Education*. At the CUSP meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Wubah stated that a statement of support from the Commission would be helpful. Rachel Holloway asked whether there was a precedent for such an action on a non-governance issue. No one was aware of any precedent. In light of that fact, the Commission chose to take no action. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm

Submitted by,  
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