

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**OCTOBER 10, 2022**  
**3:00 PM**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** E. Lavender-Smith (presiding); K. Albright; A. Fox; K. Goynes; H. Gumbert; S. Huxtable; M. Kimbrell; M. Pleimling; V. Nguyen; G. Novack; K. Redican; S. Shupe; N. Staley; S. Sumner; K. Swaby; K. Thompson; K. Tran; A. Zink-Sharp

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** D. Kellenberger; S. Tatum

**ABSENT:** A. Council; K. Edgar; R. Holloway; L. Khansa; C. Ruktanonchai

**GUESTS:** S. Biscotte; L. Buchanan; R. Pitcher; B. Smith

E. Lavender-Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. A quorum was present.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF OR ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL AND POSTING OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

E. Lavender-Smith noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2022-23A** *Resolution to Modify the General Education Requirements for Students Seeking a Second Bachelor's Degree Requirement from Waiving Pathways Requirements*, **First Reading**

K. Tran made a motion to place Resolution 2022-23A *Resolution to Modify the General Education Requirements for Students Seeking a Second Bachelor's Degree Requirement from Waiving Pathways Requirements* on the floor for first reading. The motion was seconded and carried.

E. Lavender-Smith opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2022-23A.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- S. Biscotte provided background information on Resolution 2022-23A.

- Additional discussion topics included the number of students pursuing a second Bachelor's degree that would be affected by a change in general education requirements, how peer institutions handle this issue, interaction with transfers in general, and editorial comments including editing the title of the Resolution for better conciseness and possibly adding a reference to accreditation.

Hearing no further discussion, Resolution 2022-23A will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, AP Faculty Senate, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and Undergraduate Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2022-23A will occur at a CUSP meeting, the date of which will be determined following the first reading of Resolution 2022-23A by Faculty Senate on October 14, 2022.

### **ACCEPTANCE AND POSTING OF COMMISSION/COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES REPORTS AND/OR MINUTES**

#### **Academic Support Committee**

No report.

#### **Academic Policies Committee**

No report.

#### **Athletics Committee**

H. Gumbert presented the September 15, 2022 minutes of the Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 15, 2022 minutes of the Athletics Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Commencement Committee**

M. Kimbrell informed Commission members that details about commencement can be found at [www.commencement.vt.edu](http://www.commencement.vt.edu).

#### **Honor Council**

No report.

#### **Library Committee**

No report.

### **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

K. Redican presented the report of the September 23, 2022 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 23, 2022 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **University Curriculum Committee for General Education**

K. Tran presented the report of the September 28, 2022 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 28, 2022 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs**

No report.

### **Staff Senate**

No report.

### **Faculty Senate**

No report.

### **Undergraduate Student Senate**

No report.

### **Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

A. Fox updated Commission members on the work of GPSS which included contract clarification and work with appropriations committees.

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

Request for Posthumous Degree:

S. Sumner, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, moved approval of the posthumous awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture, Major: Landscape Horticulture and Design, to Dylan Emswiler Bumgardner, effective Fall

2022. S. Sumner indicated that the request was based on the recommendation and support of the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

**The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

E. Lavender-Smith informed Commission members of the new CUSP SharePoint site and Member Resources folder.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Becki Smith, Office of the University Registrar*