

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
OCTOBER 14TH, 2024
3:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: J. Tokuhisa (presiding); N. Akers; E. Austin; J. Bedore; R. Holloway; S. Huxtable; M. Kimbrell; S. Over; A. Phan; M. Pleimling; R. Poff; L. Ricci; S. Rinehart; C. Ruktanonchai; S. Shupe; N. Staley; S. Sumner; K. Thompson; D. Thorp; N. Tran

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: K. Goyne; R. Sparks

ABSENT: K. Edgar; Z. Fu; J. Lucas; V. Nguyen; J. Russell; M. Seref; N. Tasnim; J. Walker

GUESTS: E. Anderson; R. Pitcher; N. Smith; D. Somervell; Z. Tucker; K. Wells

J. Tokuhisa called the meeting to order at 3:01 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

J. Tokuhisa 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

J. Tokuhisa outlined the workflow for Resolution 2024-25A Resolution to Revise Policy 6305: Satisfactory Academic Progress for Associate and Undergraduate Students.

M. Pleimling presented the revisions to Policy 6305 in a powerpoint. The powerpoint can be accessed on the Academic Governance webpage.

After the presentation, M. Pleimling opened the floor for discussion about the presentation. Topics included:

- What will interventions for students on academic suspension be like? What about interventions for students on academic warning? Depending on the college and the student's standing, these interventions can look different. For students on academic warning, they should meet with an advisor. Students on academic suspension should meet with the associate dean and others to talk through their situation.

- Section 2.1b only requires that departments and colleges check once a year that students are meeting academic progress. If departments and colleges want to check more than once per year, this is permitted.
- What is the timeline for this change? If CUSP Resolution 2024-25A goes through as expected, this could be approved effective for Fall 2025. As a result, at the earliest colleges and departments may need to have their program requirements information in compliance by Fall 2026. Confirmation of this timeline is needed from R. Sparks.
- Will baseline banner enforce the maximum number of credit hours students can take while they are on probation? R. Pitcher will consult with R. Sparks about this question so he can share information at the next CUSP meeting.
- How will academic warnings, academic probation, and academic suspension be tracked? What will this look like in baseline banner? R. Pitcher will consult with R. Sparks about this question so he can share information at the next CUSP meeting.

J. Tokuhisa stated the policy revisions will go to the Faculty Senate for discussion and then return to the Commission for a second reading. J. Tokuhisa added that M. Pleimling will present to the faculty senate on October 25th.

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

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

M. Pleimling reported interest from several commission members in examining our current Foreign Language Requirements.. M. Kimbrell and S. Rinehart requested that the investigation into this topic should include data on how many students fulfill the foreign language requirement at Virginia Tech and how many students fulfill the requirement elsewhere.

Athletics Committee

D. Thorp shared that the Athletic Committee is examining how to better facilitate students entering Virginia Tech through the transfer portal.

Commencement Committee

M. Kimbrell summarized the meeting as focused on plans for Fall commencement.

Honor Council

No report.

Library Committee

No report.

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

No report.

Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

No report.

Staff Senate

No report.

Faculty Senate

No report.

Undergraduate Student Senate

No report.

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

S. Sumner mentioned that it may be nice for CUSP members to tour the Discovery Suite. This space is still being developed so a tour may be best in Spring or Fall 2025.

J. Tokuhisa added that the commission will be examining how Virginia Tech defines minors at the October 28th CUSP meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Zach Tucker & Rachel Pitcher, Office of the University Registrar*