

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
OCTOBER 28TH, 2024
3:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

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

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

ABSENT: K. Edgar; Z. Fu; J. Lucas; J. Russell; M. Seref; J. Walker

GUESTS: E. Anderson; R. Pitcher; A. Rasor; L. Rose; N. Smith; 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>).

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-25A *Resolution to Revise Policy 6305, Satisfactory Academic Progress for Associate and Undergraduates, Second Reading*

J. Tokuhisa presented the Second Reading of **Resolution 2024-2025A** *Resolution to Revise Policy 6305, Satisfactory Academic Progress for Associate and Undergraduates.*

M. Pleimling shared that the First Reading at Faculty Senate went well. There was not much time on the agenda to discuss the resolution in detail but members of the Senate asked a few questions including if the number of credit hours related to this policy are appropriate, how this policy relates to honor code violations, and how the new governance structure does not include CUSP as an approval for program requirements.

J. Tokuhisa opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2024-25A.

Discussion topics included the following:

- Commission Members discussed if 72 credit hours is the appropriate number of credit hours to expect students to meet these requirements. Overall, there is not a perfect number of credit hours because some students come in with a large number of credit hours while others do not.
- During the curriculum cycle, faculty are preparing program requirements for the next academic year. This should be a consideration when the policy implementation timeline is being considered.
- During the first reading, a timeline to implement the revised Policy 6305 was briefly discussed. Noting that the transition to baseline Banner has a fluid timeline, determining the implementation of this policy after baseline banner is live would provide the most flexibility.

K. Thompson motioned to amend Resolution 2024-2025A to include a statement for the Office of the University Registrar to determine a term to implement this policy and inform the university community. This motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2024-2025A. The motion passed unanimously. This resolution will be moved forward for 2nd reading at Faculty Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

R. Holloway initiated a discussion on the current structure of degree programs at Virginia Tech.

Discussion topics included the following:

- VT curriculum should provide a beneficial educational experience for all students. This educational experience should include a depth of disciplinary learning and sufficient competency in durable skills.
- Commission members openly discussed their definitions of Degree Core, Major, Major Option, and Minor as they related to their previous and current experiences. These definitions are not uniform across all colleges. As a result, it may be helpful to further define these curriculum structures after comparing with other peer institutions.

R. Sparks stated that he would work to gather this information from other peer institutions and share it with the commission. Also, he will share a brief summary of SCHEV's academic policy at the next meeting.

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

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

M. Pleimling noted that they are looking at how students satisfy the current Foreign Language requirement. He will reach out to R. Sparks and J. Espinoza for applicable data.

Athletics Committee

No report.

Commencement Committee

M. Kimbrell presented the minutes of the October 2nd, 2024 Commencement Committee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 2nd, 2024 minutes of the Commencement Committee.

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:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Evie Anderson & Rachel Pitcher, Office of the University Registrar*