

MINUTES

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

October 1, 2025

2:30 pm

Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/84229621673>

Present: Angela Anderson (presiding), Stephen Biscotte, Paul Deck, Molly Hall, Jason Malone, Darby McPhail, Marian Mollin, Annie Ronan, Nasim Schwab, Tasha Smith, Morgen Snowadzky, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Stacy Vogt Yuan, Travis Webster

Absent with Notice: Kirsten Dean

Absent: Kelly Cobourn

Guests: Jenni Gallagher, Rachel Pitcher, Emma Roshioru

Angela Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of September 3, 2025.

Angela Anderson noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu.

3. New Business

Review of ENGL 4954: London Calling! 2026 for Pathways concept 2 (Critical Thinking in the Humanities)

A motion was made and seconded to approve ENGL 4954 for concept 2. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of HUM 3954: London Calling! 2026 for Pathways concept 6a (Critique and Practice in the Arts)

A motion was made and seconded to approve HUM 3954 for concept 6a. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of CINE 3954: Filmmaking in Pisek for Pathways concept 6a (Critique and Practice in the Arts)

A motion was made and seconded to approve CINE 3954 for concept 6a. The motion unanimously carried.

Decertification of ME 3024: Engineering Design and Economics from Pathways, per department's request

Decertification of ME 3034: Mechanical Engineering Discourse from Pathways, per department's request

Discussion of CUSP 2025-26A: Resolution Affirming Administration Action Under Exigent Circumstances

By general consensus, the committee opposes this resolution, noting that concept 7 was created and approved by university faculty through shared governance, and the suspension of concept 7 has not proceeded through the proper governance steps. Understanding that the resolution is being implemented without the ability of the UCCGE to properly vote, the UCCGE offered to CUSP comments, suggestions, questions, and possible implications of said resolution.

4. Reports

- Program review subcommittee – Stephen Biscotte: The subcommittee discussed the *Serving Pathways* draft resolution that was tabled last academic year. They determined that questions remain about the data and potential thresholds for removing courses, and more discussion and research needs to be conducted before the resolution is presented to the full committee. The subcommittee also drafted a resolution on artificial intelligence and general education and requested feedback from the full committee on the draft.
- Proposal review subcommittee – Khan Ngoc Tran: The subcommittee is working on a new process for reviewing course proposals.
- Advising subcommittee – Paul Deck: The subcommittee reviewed their charge and began talking about what other resources might be useful to advisors. They talked about a webpage to advertise new Pathways courses and new Pathways special study courses.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 pm.