

MINUTES

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

November 5, 2025

2:30 pm

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

Present: Angela Anderson (presiding), Stephen Biscotte, Kirsten Dean, Paul Deck, Molly Hall, Jason Malone, Caroline McInnish, Darby McPhail, Morty Mirzaei, Annie Ronan, Nasim Schwab, Dominick Scozzafava, Tasha Smith, Morgen Snowadzky, Jill Sundie, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Stacy Vogt Yuan, Travis Webster

Absent with Notice: Marian Mollin

Absent: Kelly Cobourn

Guests: Michael Blackwell, Jenni Gallagher, Zach Tucker

Angela Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:31. 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 October 1, 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. Unfinished Business

Stephen Biscotte presented a draft plan for supporting student learning in the age of AI. The committee agreed to add references to AI under two Pathways concepts: quantitative and computational thinking and ethical reasoning.

The committee continued their discussion from last month on CUSP 2025-26A, Resolution Affirming Administrative Action Under Exigent Circumstances. Angela Anderson relayed that the UCCGE has been asked by CUSP to provide direction on how to move forward after the suspension of concept 7. The committee talked through multiple options and agreed to share those options with CUSP, along with a draft of a resolution laying out a process for how to utilize shared governance to determine the best course of action.

4. New Business

The committee unanimously approved *NANO 2984: Applied Mathematics and Programming for Neuroscience* for Pathways concept 5a (Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking)

The committee unanimously approved *MATH 1984: Math in Our World* for Pathways concept 5f (Foundational Quantitative and Computational Thinking)

5. Reports

- Program Review Subcommittee. Angela Anderson noted that the subcommittee spent their prior meeting discussing how to respond to CUSP's request for guidance on concept 7, which was reported under unfinished business.
- Proposal Review Subcommittee. Khanh Ngoc Tran reported that going forward, the subcommittee will ask for secondary reviewers from the full committee.
- Advising Subcommittee. Paul Deck reported that the committee has been discussing how students are advising during orientation. Stephen Biscotte suggested that the subcommittee might also look into how to support students in finding the high-impact learning opportunities in Pathways, such as study abroad, experiential learning, and Pathways minors.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm.