

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**  
**VIA ZOOM, 3:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by S. Corcoran, Chair. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**PRESENT:** S. Corcoran (Chair); P. Deck; A. Dubner; S. Sumner for A. Grant; H. Gumbert; R. Holloway; A. Johnson; G. Novack; M. Pleimling for R. Fricker; K Redican; S. Biscotte for J. Sible; D. Stauffer; K. Swaby; S. Tatum; J. Xu

**ABSENT:** K. Albright; A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; K. Goynes; L. Khansa; M. Kimbrell; L. Learman; L. McClaskey; K. Thompson; A. Villar; C. Wood

**VISITORS:** G. Costello; K. Daniloski; A. Myers; R. Pitcher; B. Smith; R. Sparks

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL AND POSTING OF MINUTES**

S. Corcoran announced that the September 13, 2021 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:

[https://www.registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar\\_vt\\_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2021-2022/9-13/minutes\\_cusp\\_9\\_13\\_21.pdf](https://www.registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2021-2022/9-13/minutes_cusp_9_13_21.pdf)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic Support Committee**

No report.

### **Academic Policies Committee**

On behalf of K. Goyne, S. Corcoran informed Commission members that the Academic Policies Committee (APC) met on September 15, 2021 to discuss activities for the academic year and continued to make improvements to the draft Compassionate Relief Policy based on feedback from Rachel Holloway and Steve Capaldo. The committee will meet again on September 29, 2021.

### **Athletics Committee**

H. Gumbert presented the May 13, 2021 minutes of the University Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 13, 2021 minutes of the University Athletics Committee.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

H. Gumbert presented the September 9, 2021 minutes of the University Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 9, 2021 minutes of the University Athletics Committee.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Commencement Committee**

No report.

### **Honor Council**

No report.

### **Library Committee**

No report.

### **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

K. Redican presented the report of the September 10, 2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 10, 2021 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**

**For “First and Second Reading”**

**Unanimous Approval**

**COURSES**

**New:**

**Spring 2022**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

MUS 3174 Music as Global Culture (CM-6839)

MUS 4224 Instrumental Methods: Secondary (CM-6843)

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

GEOG 3214 Africa Together (CM-6799)

GEOG 4534 Numerical Weather Prediction (CM-6800)

**College of Science**

PHYS 4514 Intro to Nuclear Physics (CM-6887)

**Revised:**

**Spring 2022**

**College of Science**

NEUR 1004 Neuroscience Orientation Seminar (CM-6894)

**New:**

**Fall 2022**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

MUS 4174 Topics in Musicology (CM-6838)

IS 1114 (PSCI 1114) Introduction to Transatlantic Studies (CM-6896)

IS 2114 (PSCI 2114) Transatlantic Political Frameworks (CM-6897)

IS 3594 (PSCI 3594) Topics in Middle East Politics & International Relations (CM-6844)

IS 3894 (PSCI 3894) Transatlantic Relations Since 1945 (CM-6898)

IS 3924 (PSCI 3924) Theories of Transatlantic Relations (CM-6899)

IS 3934 (PSCI 3934) NATO and European Security (CM-6840)

IS 4144 (PSCI 4144) Topics in Transatlantic Relations (CM-6841)

IS 4154 (PSCI 4154) Topics in Transatlantic Studies (CM-6826)

IS 4184 (PSCI 4184) Capstone Project in Transatlantic Studies (CM-6842)

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

G. Novack presented the minutes of the September 1, 2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 1, 2021 minutes of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for General Education.

### **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

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

K. Swaby stated that the A/P Faculty Senate is currently voting on filling three vacant seats.

#### **Staff Senate**

No report.

#### **Faculty Senate**

No report.

#### **Undergraduate Student Senate**

No report.

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

No report.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

For information – S. Corcoran informed Commission members that through an administrative error, inclusion of Juneteenth as a non-class day was listed in the updated version of the Faculty Handbook. However, the Academic Support Committee will proceed with their work as previously described and will consider an adjustment to the University’s Calendar Criteria.

Commission members requested information from the Commencement Committee regarding Fall and Spring graduation plans. P. Deck will contact the Commencement Committee Chair regarding the request.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 PM.

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