

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2021**  
**VIA ZOOM, 3:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by K. Redican, Vice-Chair. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**PRESENT:** K. Redican (Vice-Chair); K. Albright; A. Council; P. Deck; A. Dubner; M. Pleimling for R. Fricker; S. Sumner for A. Grant; H. Gumbert; K. Goynes; R. Holloway; A. Johnson; L. Khansa; M. Kimbrell; G. Novack; J. Sible; D. Stauffer; K. Swaby; S. Tatum; K. Thompson; J. Xu

**ABSENT:** S. Corcoran; K. Edgar; D. Givens; L. Learman; L. McClaskey; A. Villar; C. Wood

**VISITORS:** G. Costello; W. Johnson; A. Myers; R. Pitcher; V. Singal; 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**

K. Redican announced that the September 27, 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/2021-2022/9-27/minutes\\_cusp\\_9\\_27\\_21.pdf](https://www.registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2021-2022/9-27/minutes_cusp_9_27_21.pdf)

- For Information – Office of the University Registrar updated the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee at the October 8, 2021 meeting regarding the change in name of two new Majors that were previously approved at the September 24, 2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting as follows:
  - New Major: Finance, Certified Financial Planner, Certification Education under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business will be named Financial Planning and Wealth Management under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance, and
  - New Major: Finance, FinTech and Big Data Analytics under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business will be named FinTech and Big Data Analytics under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution 2021-22B** *Resolution to Approve New Major, Commercial Development and Investment, in Bachelor of Science in Real Estate, First Reading*

K. Redican presented for first reading Resolution 2021-22B *Resolution to Approve New Major, Commercial Development and Investment, in Bachelor of Science in Real Estate.*

K. Redican opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2021-22B.

Hearing no discussion, Resolution 2021-22B will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Undergraduate Student Senate, and Graduate and Professional Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2021-22B will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

### **Resolution 2021-22C** *Resolution to Approve New Major, Residential Development and Investment, in Bachelor of Science in Real Estate, First Reading*

K. Redican presented for first reading Resolution 2021-22C *Resolution to Approve New Major, Residential Development and Investment, in Bachelor of Science in Real Estate.*

K. Redican opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2021-22C.

Hearing no discussion, Resolution 2021-22C will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Undergraduate Student Senate, and Graduate and Professional Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2021-22C will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

### **Resolution 2021-22D** *Resolution to Approve New Major, Financial Planning and Wealth Management, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance, First Reading*

K. Redican presented for first reading Resolution 2021-22D *Resolution to Approve New Major, Financial Planning and Wealth Management, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance.*

K. Redican opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2021-22D.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- V. Singal provided background on elevating the Major Concentration/Option to a Major which included enhanced visibility to prospective students, inclusion of the Major name on transcripts and increased job marketability for students.

Resolution 2021-22D will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Undergraduate Student Senate, and Graduate and Professional Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2021-22D will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

**Resolution 2021-22E** *Resolution to Approve New Major, FinTech and Big Data Analytics, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance, First Reading*

K. Redican presented for first reading Resolution 2021-22E *Resolution to Approve New Major, FinTech and Big Data Analytics, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance.*

K. Redican opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2021-22E.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- V. Singal provided background on elevating the Major Concentration/Option to a Major which included enhanced visibility to prospective students, inclusion of the Major name on transcripts and increased job marketability for students.
- Commission members raised concerns regarding enrollment management and the impact increasing the number of students in the Major could have on the resources of affected departments. It was recommended that V. Singal reach out to the affected departments to notify them of the potential increase in enrollment numbers and provide Commission members with an update at the next CUSP meeting.

Resolution 2021-22E will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Undergraduate Student Senate, and Graduate and Professional Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2021-22E will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic Support Committee**

P. Deck reported that the first meeting will take place on October 21, 2021. The Committee is planning to begin the process of discussing inclusion of Juneteenth as an official holiday on the academic calendar.

**Academic Policies Committee**

K. Goyne presented the September 15, 2021 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 15, 2021 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Athletics Committee**

No report.

**Commencement Committee**

P. Deck reported on a variety of topics discussed at the most recent meeting including commencement plans for the Fall and Spring semesters, capacity restrictions regarding university facilities, and the future of department ceremonies and diploma disbursement.

**Honor Council**

No report.

**Library Committee**

No report.

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

K. Redican presented the report of the September 24, 2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 24, 2021 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**

**FOR “FIRST AND SECOND READING”  
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**COURSES**

**New:**

**Spring 2022**

**College of Engineering**

ME 3194 Technology, Innovation and Humanistic Engineering for a Sustainable Future (CM-6120)

MSE 4314 Bladesmithing (CM-6813)

CS 3314 Programming Language Theory & Practice (CM-6901)

ECE 4324 Microgrids (CM-6912)

CEM 2404: Construction Project Documents (CM-6949)

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

CHN 3534 Business Chinese (CM-6908)

CHN 3544 Introduction to Classical Chinese (CM-6880)

ENGL 4204 Hybrid Forms (CM-6881)

**College of Science**

PHYS 2254 Hello Quantum World! (CM-6913)

PHYS 4724 Soft Matter Physics (CM-6925)

**New:**

**Fall 2022**

**Pamplin College of Business**

REAL 4074 Residential Real Estate Studio (CM-6809)

**Revised:**

**Fall 2022**

**Pamplin College of Business**

REAL 4075-4076 Commercial Real Estate Studio (CM-6810)

**DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS**

**Major:**

**New:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**Pamplin College of Business**

Establishment of New Major: Commercial Development and Investment (CDI) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Real Estate (BSRST) effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM-6811)

Establishment of New Major: Residential Development and Investment (RDI) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Real Estate (BSRST) effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM-6812)

Establishment of New Major: Finance, FinTech and Big Data Analytics (FBDA) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS) effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM-6921)

Establishment of New Major: Finance, Certified Financial Planning (CFP) Certification Education (CFPF) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS) effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM-6922)

**Major:**

**Discontinue:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**Pamplin College of Business**

Discontinue Major: Real Estate (REAL) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Real Estate (BSRST); last term and year to enroll: Spring 2022, last term and year to graduate: Spring 2025 (CM-6811 and CM-6812)

**Major Concentration/Option:**

**New:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**College of Science**

Establishment of New Major Concentration/Option: Geosciences (CMDG) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (BSCMD), Major: Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (CMDA) (New) effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM-6819)

**Major Concentration/Option:**

**Discontinue:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**Pamplin College of Business**

Discontinue Major Concentration/Option: FinTech and Big Data Analytics (FBTA) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS), Major: Finance (FIN); last term and year to enroll: Spring 2022, last term and year to graduate: Fall 2027 (CM-6921)

Discontinue Major Concentration/Option: Certified Financial Planning (CFP) Certification Education (FCFP) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS), Major: Finance (FIN); last term and year to enroll: Spring 2022, last term and year to graduate: Fall 2027 (CM-6922)

**Minor:**

**New:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**Honors College**

Establishment of New Minor: Honors Transdisciplinary Praxis (HTDP) (New) effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2025 (CM-6931)

**University Curriculum Committee for General Education –**

G. Novack presented the report of the September 22, 2021 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 22, 2021 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORT**  
**PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**  
**ZOOM MEETING, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**For “First and Second Reading”**  
**Unanimous Approval**

**Courses**

**New:**

**Pathways Spring 2022**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

CHN 3304: Chinese Literature in Translation (Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6907)

HIST 4014 (ART 4014) (EDCI 4014): History Lab: Creative Technologies, Hidden Histories, Informal Learning (Pathways Critique and Practice in Design G06d, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the US G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6909)

PHIL 3614: Philosophy of the Environment (Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the US G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6802)

PSCI 3374 (IS 3374): The Politics of Energy (Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6824)

**College of Science**

STAT 3204: Data Visualization (Pathways Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking G05a, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6902)

**Pathways Fall 2022**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

ENGL 2664: Being Human: Literature and Human Experience (Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6788)

**Revised:**

**Pathways Spring 2022**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

HIST 3734 (STS 3734): History of Modern Biology (Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the US G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6910)

**CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

**Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs**

K. Swaby reported that all vacant seats have been filled.

**Staff Senate**

No report.

**Faculty Senate**

G. Novack reported that the Faculty Senate was presented with the Report of the Working Group on Curricular Approval Processes regarding potential changes to the shared governance process. A copy of the document will be distributed to Commission members.

**Undergraduate Student Senate**

No report.

**Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 PM.

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