

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
OCTOBER 12, 2020
VIA ZOOM, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by P. Deck, Chair. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

PRESENT: P. Deck (Chair); D. Givens; K. Goynes; S. Sumner for A. Grant; M. Pleimling for S. Morton; J. Paul; K. Redican; J. Sible; S. Tatum; K. Thompson; D. Thorp; C. Treanor; S. Vicente; A. Villar; E. Wiseman

ABSENT: K. Albright; S. Corcoran; A. Council; K. Edgar; H. Gumbert; H. Hahn; A. Johnson; S. Johnson; L. Khansa; L. Learman; R. Holloway; C. Wood

VISITORS: N. Akers; G. Costello; B. Smith; R. Sparks

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to modify the voting process to only ask for opposed votes and abstentions. The motion to modify the voting process to only ask for opposed votes and abstentions passed unanimously.

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

P. Deck announced the September 28, 2020 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/2020-2021/9-28/minutes_cusp_9.28.20.pdf

REPORT AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

No report.

Athletics Committee

E. Wiseman presented the September 24, 2020 minutes of the University Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 24, 2020 minutes of the University Athletics Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commencement Committee

No report.

Honors Council

No report.

Library Committee

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

P. Deck presented on behalf of S. Corcoran the report of the September 25, 2020 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 25, 2020 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

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

COURSES

New:

Spring 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

HORT 3324 Herbaceous Landscape Plants (CM-6027)

HNFE 2484 Evidence-Based Practice in Health Science (CM-6091)

FST 4204 Advanced Topics in Food Science and Technology (CM-6099)

College of Engineering

CS 4144 Competitive Problem Solving II (CM-5375)

ECE 3524 Introduction to Unix for ECE (CM-5729)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

MUS 3074 Current Trends in Music Analysis (CM-6020)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

GEOG 2114 Introduction to Coastal Regions (CM-5750)

GEOG 4414 Climate Change and Societal Impacts (CM-6009)

SBIO 2314 Building Information Modeling for Wood-Based Construction (CM-6036)

College of Science

PHYS 4634 Modern Classical Physics (CM-6030)

Pamplin College of Business

REAL 4054 Real Estate Investment Analysis (CM-6001)

Revised:

Spring 2021

College of Engineering

CS 2304 Topics in Programming Systems (CM-5528)

Discontinue:

Spring 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

HORT 3345-3346 Herbaceous Plants (CM-6027)

College of Engineering

ECE 2524 Introduction to Unix for Engineers (CM-5729)

New:

Fall 2021

College of Natural Resources and Environment

SBIO 3244 Packaging Machinery and Production Systems (CM-6016)

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

J. Sible presented the minutes of the September 2, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee

J. Sible presented the report of the September 23, 2020 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 23, 2020 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020
For “First and Second Reading”
Unanimous Approval

COURSES

New:

CLE Spring 2021/Pathways Spring 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

CHN 3474: Topics in Chinese Cinema (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6104)

Pathways Spring 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

SPES 2004: Cannabis – Science, Industry, and Culture (Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences G04, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6058)

Revised:

Pathways Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

ENGL 4114: Chaucer (Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6100)

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative & Professional Faculty Affairs

No report.

Staff Senate

No report.

Faculty Senate

No report.

Student Government Association

No report.

Graduate Student Assembly

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Honor Council Report

C. Treanor presented a report from the Office of Undergraduate Academic Integrity which outlined changes for the academic year. The changes included a move to an online format and the addition of three new faculty members.

Additionally, the “Understanding the Code” seminar was offered via Canvas and included a Q&A session and was completed by more than 1,000 students.

Nominations/Review of CUSP Sub-Committee Chairs and Representatives For Academic Year 2020-2021

The following individuals accepted nominations to serve as Chairs and Representatives of CUSP Sub-Committees for Academic Year 2020-2021:

- Representative for University Curriculum Committee for General Education –
 - Commission will revisit at the October 26 CUSP meeting.
- Representative for Academic Policies Ad-Hoc Committee – Student
 - P. Deck provided background information for three prospective student representatives. A motion was made and seconded for the prospective representatives to be voted on and selected by K. Goynes and the Academic Policies Ad-Hoc Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 PM.

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