

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
April 13, 2015
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 PM

Present: S. Biscotte for J. Sible; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; E. Ervin for Alan Grant; M. Finn; V. Fowler for G. Chandler-Smith; L. Geyer; M. Hajj; S. Hirt; R. Holloway; G. Kirk; A.M. Knoblauch; G. Long for L.N. Chang; B. Martin; S. Martin (Chair); C. Mitchell; A. Schoka; R. Shifler; D. Smith; D. Stauffer; R. Stephens for E. Spiller; E. Westman for R. Benson; G. Yee; A. Zink-Sharp

Absent with Notification: J. Arthur; Z. Montgomery; D. Tewari

Absent without Notification: C. Clarke; A. Dickow; T. Meyer

Visitors: W. Ashton; G. Costello; M. Johnson (Enrollment Management and Undergraduate Admissions); G. Kinder

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Stephen Martin, Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

Announcement of Approval and Posting of Minutes

Stephen Martin announced the March 23, 2015 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:

http://www.registrar.vt.edu/documents/governance/2015-2016/CUSP_Minutes_March_23_2015_Meeting_FINAL.pdf

New Business

Resolution 2014-15.I, *Resolution to approve New Major, Family and Consumer Sciences, in Bachelor of Science Degree in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management*, First Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2014-15.I, *Resolution to approve New Major, Family and Consumer Sciences, in Bachelor of Science Degree in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management*. First effective date to declare major: Fall 2015. First effective date to graduate: Spring 2017.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015.

Resolution 2014-15.J, *Resolution to Change the Name of the “University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)” to “University Curriculum Committee for General Education (UCCGE)” and Membership, First Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2014-15.J, *Resolution to Change the Name of the “University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)” to “University Curriculum Committee for General Education (UCCGE)” and Membership, First Reading.*

Chair S. Martin opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2014.15-J.

Discussion occurred, regarding Resolution 2014.15-J:

- L. Geyer presented concerns and opposition to the name change, based upon his research of the words “general” versus “liberal”, as they apply to education. He presented that “liberal” education better represents the conceptual goals.
- A.M. Knoblauch responded affirming that this issue had been a part of UCCLE discussions, citing the committee’s interest in aligning with national trends and general guidelines outlined by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U).
- S. Biscotte cited the majority of higher education literature supports this movement to a more general education terminology.
- L. Geyer offered that the “liberal education” title aligns more with that of Ivy-League institutions.
- R. Holloway offered context, citing a broad-thinking about definitions of liberal and general education, and the need to involve faculty in the effective integration of content areas into the curriculum.
- V. Fowler offered support for the terminology “liberal education” presenting that it distinguishes our institution from those with a general education foundation.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair S. Martin noted that the second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015.

Reports and Minutes from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

V. Fowler, for G. Chandler-Smith, announced the report of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of March 27, 2015 was approved electronically April 3, 2015.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report of March 27, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

UCC Report – March 27, 2015

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

Courses

New:

Fall 2015

College of Liberal Arts and Human Science

AHRM 1104 Introduction to AHRM and Student Resources (CM-2219)

TA 3024 Intermediate Acting for Non-Theatre Major (CM-2154)

College of Science

MATH 2405H-2406H Mathematics in a Computational Context (CM-2210)

PHYS 4564 Polymer Physics (CM-2212)

Revised:

Spring 2016

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

DASC 2474 Dairy Science and Industry (CM-2147)

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

Degrees, Majors, Options, Minors

Majors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2017

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of new Major: Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resources Management (BSARM), Major: Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). First enrollment effective Fall 2015; first effective term to graduate Spring 2017 (CM-2218).

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resources Management (BSARM), Major: Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) (CM-2218)

Revised:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2017

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science; Major: Building Construction (BC) (CM-2074)

College of Science

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (BSCMD); Major: Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (CMDA) (CM-2214)

Options

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2017

College of Science

Establishment of new Option: Bachelor of Science in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (BSCMD); Major: Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (CMDA); Option: Physics (CMDP). First enrollment effective Spring 2015; first effective term to graduate Spring 2017 (CM-2216).

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (BSCMD); Major: Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (CMDA); Option: Physics (CMDP) (CM-2216)

Discontinued:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

Discontinue Option – Bachelor of Science, Major: Building Construction (BC); Option: Construction and Design (CD). Last term and year to graduate Fall 2016 (CM-2074)

Discontinue Option – Bachelor of Science, Major: Building Construction (BC); Option: Development, Real Estate, and Construction (DREC). Last term and year to graduate Fall 2016 (CM-2074)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Discontinue Option – Bachelor of Science, Major: Apparel, Housing, and Resources Management (AHRM); Option: Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). Last term and year to graduate Fall 2016 (CM-2218)

Minors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

Establishment of new Minor: Construction (BCMN). First effective date to declare minor: Fall 2015; First Term and Year of Graduation: Spring 2016 (CM-1999)

Checksheet: Minor in Construction (BCMN) (CM-1999)

Revised:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2017

College of Engineering

Checksheet: Minor in Green Engineering (GREN) (CM-2063)

Discontinued:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2014

College of Liberal Arts and Human Science

Discontinue Minor in Family and Child Development (FCD). Last term and year to graduate Fall 2014 (CM-2151).

University Commencement Committee

Candice Clemenz presented the minutes of the University Commencement Committee meeting of Feb. 4, 2015. Motion was made and seconded to accept the University Commencement Committee minutes of Feb. 4, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Undergraduate Admissions Annual Report to the Commission

Mildred Johnson, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, presented to the Commission, an Annual Report on the Admissions Appeals Committee. Report has been loaded to CUSP April 13, 2015 Resources, on the Registrar's Website: http://www.registrar.vt.edu/governance/dates-materials/CUSP_2014-2015/index.html

Request for Posthumous Degree

Erik Westman, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering, moved approval of the posthumous awarding of the degree *Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering to Cameron William Smook effective Spring 2015*. Dr. Westman indicated the request was based on the recommendation of the faculty of the Department of Mining Engineering, and supported by the College of Engineering.

The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for Chair and Representative of CUSP Sub-Committees

The following volunteered to continue to serve as Chairs and Representatives of CUSP Sub-Committees:

Chair for Academic Support Committee

Susan Sumner

Chair for Academic Policy Committee

Susan Sumner

Representative for University Athletics Committee

Susan Sumner

Representative for University Commencement Committee

Candice Clemenz

Representative for University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education

Robert Stephens

Representative for University Library Committee

Mary Finn

End of Year Governance Action

Gary Costello, Associate Registrar, presented a request to the Commission of Undergraduate Studies and Policies to consider review and electronic approval of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report for April 24, 2015. The electronic review and approval would allow for proposals with a requested effective Fall 2015 term to be approved.

Motion was made and seconded to review and approve electronically, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report of April 24, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary S. Kinder
Office of the University Registrar