

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
January 23, 2017
230 Student Services Building, 3:00 PM

PRESENT: D. Stauffer (Chair); J. Brozovsky; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; E. Ervin for A. Grant; M. Hajj; T. Hammett; R. Jacks; M. Kasarda; A.M. Knoblauch; G. Long for S. Morton; A. Pope; C. Rittenhouse; J. Sible; D. Thorp for E. Spiller; B. Watford for D. Taylor; L. Zietsman; A. Zink-Sharp

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: J. Collier for G. Chandler Smith; L. Geyer; K. Redican for C. Clarke

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION : K. Albright; M. Finn; K. Gresham; R. Holloway

VISITORS: S. Biscotte; J. Clevenger; E. Graves; W. Patton; M. Pratt Clarke; A. Robinson; R. Sparks; G. Costello; G. Kinder; J. Sanders

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Dean Stauffer, Chair.

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

D. Stauffer announced the November 7, 2016 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:

http://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2016-2017/cusp-nov-7-16/CUSP-Minutes-Nov-7-16.pdf

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-17.E, *Resolution to Discontinue Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business*, **Second Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2016-17.E, *Resolution to Discontinue Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business*.

D. Stauffer informed the Commission that no changes had been made to the resolution following First Reading. D. Stauffer also reported that the Faculty Senate had waived its right to review Resolution 2016-17.E

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2016-17.E.

G. Long indicated that the College of Science fully supports this resolution and reiterated the College's commitment to continue the Major in Economics in the Bachelor of Science degree.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2016-17.E.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-17.F, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Cinema, in Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts*, **First Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2016-17.F, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Cinema, in Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts Business*.

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2016-17.F.

The Commission suggested minor grammatical edits to the resolution be considered.

Resolution 2016-17.F has been forwarded to Faculty Senate for comment. Following the Faculty Senate review and response, the second reading of Resolution 2016-17.F will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

Resolution 2016-17.G, *Resolution to Revise Pathways General Education Curriculum (Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 125 and University Core Curriculum/ Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) (PPM 24)) and Implementation for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Include Identity and Equity in the United States*, **First Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2016-17.G, *Resolution to Revise Pathways General Education Curriculum (Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 125 and University Core Curriculum/ Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) (PPM 24)) and Implementation for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Include Identity and Equity in the United States*.

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2016-17.G.

Various members of the UCCGE Task Force charged with crafting this resolution spoke regarding how effective and encouraging the process had been. These members reiterated the benefits of including this new core outcome in Pathways and its benefit to undergraduate education.

Resolution 2016-17.G has been forwarded to Faculty Senate for comment. Following the Faculty Senate review and response, the second reading of Resolution 2016-17.G will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No Report.

Academic Policies Committee

B. Watford reported that the Committee is currently reviewing the potential awarding of experiential credit for military service, based on established testing criteria.

Athletic Committee

No Report.

Commencement Committee

C. Clemenz presented the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting of the University Commencement Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting of the University Commencement Committee.

Commission members discussed the parallels between the Undergraduate and Graduate School ceremonies, particularly the singing of the Alma Mater and remarks from the Alumni Association. Members encouraged the Graduate School to further consider including these components in the Graduate School ceremony.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Clemenz presented the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting of the University Commencement Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting of the University Commencement Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Honor System Review Board

C. Rittenhouse reported that the Honor System Review Board had a busy Fall Semester, having resolved 300 cases of academic misconduct, with most cases resolved within fifteen class days. In Academic Year 2015-2016, the Honor System resolved a total of 395 cases of academic misconduct. Ms. Rittenhouse commented that the increase in the volume of cases should not be an indication of more cheating occurring, but rather a higher level of confidence in the honor system process.

C. Rittenhouse also reported that the Honor System been working to hold refresher training for delegates involved in the Honor System.

Lastly, she reported that the Honor System is holding a series of educational outreach sessions to help students and instructors better understand the Undergraduate Honor Code. In addition to an online training module, the Honor System is holding a series of in-person training sessions. These sessions are scheduled for January 23 and January 25-27. Each session will be held in the GLC Auditorium at 6:00 pm.

Library Committee

No Report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

M. Kasarda presented the November 11, 2016 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 11, 2016 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UCC REPORT—NOVEMBER 11, 2016

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

COURSES

New:

Fall 2017

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

FST 4304 Food Processing (CM-3029)

College of Engineering

CEM 3084 Construction Economy (CM-3012)

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

DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS,

Minors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2018

Pamplin College of Business

Establishment of New Minor: Minor in Digital Marketing Strategy (DMS)
First effective term to declare minor: Spring 2017; First term and year to
graduate: Winter 2018. (CM-3004)

Checksheet: Minor in Digital Marketing Strategy (DMS) (CM-3004)

M. Kasarda presented the December 2, 2016 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for approval. A motion was made and seconded to

approve the December 2, 2016 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, as amended to correct the header of the new minor to read “College of Science”.

The motion passed unanimously.

UCC REPORT—DECEMBER 2, 2016

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

COURSES

New:

Fall 2017

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

FST 2244 Topics in Food Science and Technology (CM-3068)

Revised:

Fall 2017

College of Engineering

ECE 4220 Analog Integrated Circuit Design (CM-3011)

College of Science

BIOL 2614 General Microbiology Laboratory (CM-3048)

BIOL 4724 Pathogenic Bacteriology Laboratory (CM-3049)

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

DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS,

Options

Discontinue:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2017

Pamplin College of Business

Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS), Major: Finance (FIN); Option: No Option/Concentration with Tracks Checksheet; Last Term and Year to Graduate: Fall 2017 (CM-3063)

Minors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019

College of Science

Establishment of New Minor: Minor in Systems Biology (SYSB); First effective term to declare minor: Fall 2017; First term and year to graduate: Winter 2019. (CM-3046)

Checksheet: Minor in Systems Biology (SYSB) (CM-3046)

Undergraduate Studies and Policies

No Report.

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

L. Zietsman presented the November 16, 2016 Report of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 16, 2016 Report of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—NOVEMBER 16, 2016

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

Courses

Revised:

CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM-2982)

PHIL 2304 Global Ethics (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM-2983)

PHIL 2894 (PSCI 2894) (ECON 2894): Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (CLE Areas 2 and 3, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM-2984)

PHIL 3314 Ethical Theory (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM-2985)

PHIL 4304 Political Philosophy (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM-2986)

PHIL 4324 (MGT 4324) Business and Professional Ethics (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM-2987)

L. Zietsman presented the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

L. Zietsman presented the December 14, 2016 Report of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 14, 2016 Report of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—DECEMBER 14, 2016

**For “First Reading”
Non-Unanimous Approval**

Courses

Revised:

CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

PHIL 4334 Jurisprudence (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018 (CM-2988)

PHIL 4884 (PSCI 4884) (ECON 4884) Advanced Topics in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (CLE Area 2, Pathways Discourse GE01, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) Pathways Spring 2019 (CM-2989)

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

Courses

Revised:

CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM-2982)

ENGL 1105-1106 First-Year Writing (CLE Area 1, Pathways Discourse GE01, Pathways Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018 (CM 3016)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FREC 2114 Ecology of Appalachian Forests (CLE Area 4, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Ethical Reasoning GE10) CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018 (CM 2973)

HORT 2134 (FREC 2134) Plants and Greenspaces in Urban Communities (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Pathways Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) CLE Spring 2018/Pathways Spring 2018 (CM 2993)

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

Degrees, Majors, Minors, Options

Minor:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Revision of Existing Minor for Pathways: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Minor (PPE). First effective date to declare minor: Fall 2018; First effective date to graduate: Spring 2019 (CM-2990)

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No Report.

Staff Senate

No Report.

Faculty Senate

D. Stauffer reported that the Faculty Senate would hold its first meeting of the Spring Semester on Tuesday, January 24.

Student Government Association

No Report.

Graduate Student Assembly

No Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominations for Chair of Academic Support Committee

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Dr. Dan Thorp to serve as Chair of the Academic Support Committee for the remainder of the 2016-2017 Academic Year.

The motion passed unanimously.

5 Year Untaught Course Report

G. Costello presented the 5 Year Untaught Course Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 5 Year Untaught Course Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Virginia Tech Office of the University Registrar
PPM No. 273, Policy on Untaught Courses in the Undergraduate Course Catalog and the Curriculum for
Liberal Education Review**

**List of Courses Inactivated & Extended
Effective 201701**

Untaught Courses to be Inactivated (5)

Course

ACIS 3515 System Development
ACIS 3516 System Development

ECON 3114 Applied Microeconomics

STS 3106 Science and Technology in Modern Society

SPAN 3684 Crossing the Border: Living the Literature

Untaught Courses to be Extended (2)

Course

AINS 2804 Contemporary Native American Literature

ENGL 2804 Contemporary Native American Literature

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Justin D. Sanders, Office of the University Registrar*