

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
November 27, 2017
230 Student Services Building, 3:00 PM

PRESENT: D. Stauffer; J. Billingsley; V. Fowler; S. Sumner for A. Grant; M. Kasarda; L. Khansa; A. Knoblauch; C. Leeth; R. Panneton for S. Morton; C. Boone for J. Ross; J. Sible; D. Thorp; S. Ulrich; R. Willis; A. Zink-Sharp

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: D. Clubb; E. Coupey; R. Holloway; K. Hosig; K. Redican; L. Zietsman

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION: K. Albright; G. Daniel; M. Davenport; M. Hajj; T. Hammett; S. Metko; A. Roche

VISITORS: N. Akers; G. Costello; M. Coulter; R. Sparks

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 6, 2017 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:
https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2017-2018/nov27/minutes_cusp_nov_6_17_final.pdf

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2017-18.D *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Arts in Science, Technology, and Society, Second Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2017-18.D *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Arts in Science, Technology, and Society.*

D. Stauffer reported that the Faculty Senate had waived its right to review Resolution 2017-18.D.

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2017-18.D.

Discussion topics included the following:

- Difference between Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees and credit hour requirements;
- Market/employment research related to the discipline;
- Inherit interdisciplinary nature of the discipline.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2017-18.D.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2017-18.E *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Science, Technology, and Society, Second Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2017-18.E *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Science, Technology, and Society.*

D. Stauffer reported that the Faculty Senate had waived its right to review Resolution 2017-18.E.

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2017-18.E.

Hearing no discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2017-18.E.

The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No Report.

Academic Policies Committee

No Report.

Athletic Committee

S. Sumner presented the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting of the University Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting of the University Athletics Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

S. Sumner also announced there was a presentation about concussions at the last University Athletics Committee meeting which lead to helpful dialogue regarding the communication process among the Athletics Department, Schiffert Health Center, Cook Counseling Center, and faculty members. A subcommittee is forming to review and streamline this process to more align with standard faculty notifications.

Commencement Committee

No Report.

Honor Council

No Report.

Library Committee

No Report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

No Report.

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

On behalf of L. Zietsman, M. Kasarda presented the report of the November 8, 2017 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report of the November 8, 2017 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PATHWAYS AD HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—NOVEMBER 8, 2017</u> For “First and Second Reading” Unanimous Approval</p>
<p>COURSES</p>
<p>New:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLE Spring 2018/Pathways Fall 2018</p>

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

EDCO 2004: Healthy Relationships: Understanding Self and Others (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Critical Analysis of Equity and Identity in the United States GE07, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3824)

EDEP 2444: Motivating Yourself and Others (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3825)

Revised:

CLE Spring 2018/Pathways Fall 2018

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

ENGL 1604: Introduction to Poetry (CLE Area 2 and 6, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3826)

ENGL 1614: Introduction to Short Fiction (CLE Area 2 and 6, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3838)

ENGL 1624: Introduction to Detective Fiction (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3827)

ENGL 1634: Introduction to Shakespeare (CLE Area 2 and 6, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3839)

ENGL 1644: Introduction to World Literature (CLE Area 2 and 7, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3840)

ENGL 1654: Introduction to Science Fiction and Fantasy (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3841)

ENGL 1664: Introduction to Women's Literature (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3842)

ENGL 1704: The Harry Potter Phenomenon (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3843)

STS 2254: Innovation in Context (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Ethical Reasoning GE10, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3833)

Pamplin College of Business

FIN 2114: Investments and Financial Literacy (CLE Area 5, Pathways Quantitative and Computational Thinking GE05, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3835)

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No report.

Staff Senate

No report.

Faculty Senate

D. Stauffer reported that Dr. Clarke, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, spoke at the last Faculty Senate meeting.

Student Government Association

J. Billingsley reported on behalf of A. Roche that the Student Government Association will be hosting an open invitation event titled “You Want Me to Pay What?? A Conversation on the Price of Textbooks” on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Newman Multipurpose Room. The campus community is welcome to attend for a dialogue about solutions for the high cost of textbooks.

Graduate Student Assembly

S. Ulrich reported that the Graduate Student Assembly is actively researching and encouraging the entire campus community’s involvement regarding the potential tax bill implications, particularly for international graduate students. There is a useful webpage posted to the Graduate School website (<http://graduateschool.vt.edu/tax-bill-potential-impact.html>) with helpful links,

resources, data and research, and ways to get involved, including contacting elected representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Coulter, Office of the University Registrar*