Resolution 2012-2013.B
Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Packaging Systems and Design

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies:
First Reading:
Second Reading:

Approved by University Council:
Approved by the President:

Effective: Fall 2013

WHEREAS, the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials has grown and diversified over the past 10 years to help address global technological and social interests related to the sustainable use and development of packaging materials derived from natural materials and allied hybrid material systems; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Packaging Systems and Design will prepare students to analyze and respond to the needs of both consumers and industry partners in a field that broadly intersects many important areas of the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Virginia has a growing need for packaging professionals given that it serves as a hub for manufacturing and global transportation of goods and products that require packaging materials for containment, preservation, protection, dispersal, and communication about the content and value of those products; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Packaging Systems and Design will prepare graduates for careers in the $420 billion global packaging industry ranging from design of international shipping containers to development of non-toxic films for the encapsulation and packaging of food and pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, the degree is unique within the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of a very few similar programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Packaging Systems and Design supports the commitment of the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials, the College of Natural Resources and Environment, and the University to educate students in the environmentally sound development and use of sustainable packaging materials.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bachelor of Science in Packaging Systems and Design be approved effective Fall 2013 and the proposal forwarded to the President, the Board of Visitors, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SHEV) for approval, and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for notification.