Resolution 2012-2013.C
Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Biomaterials and Innovation

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 of materials derived from our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Biomaterials and Innovation will prepare students to analyze and respond to pressing global resource issues ranging from efficient and wise use of natural resources for shelter, materials and energy, to how to address the demand for products made from non-sustainable and non-renewable sources and how future generations will address life-cycle issues with sustainable biomaterials from environmental, economic, and social perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Biomaterials and Innovation will prepare graduates for careers where there is strong demand, ranging from positions in the Commonwealth’s $25 billion forest products industry to innovation-based business and manufacturing in allied natural resources fields; and

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

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Biomaterials and Innovation supports the commitment of the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials, the College of Natural Resources and Environment, and the University to educate students in environmentally sound technologies and innovations through the development and use of sustainable biomaterials.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Biomaterials and Innovation 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 (SCHEV) for approval, and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for notification.