

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
October 24, 2016
230 Student Services Building, 3:00 PM

PRESENT: D. Stauffer (Chair); J. Baker; A. Bailey for M. Finn; S. Biscotte for J. Sible; J. Brozovsky; G. Chandler-Smith; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; L. Geyer; K. Gresham; T. Hammett; R. Holloway; R. Jacks; M. Kasarda; A.M. Knoblauch; G. Long for S. Morton; J. O’Grady for C. Rittenhouse; A. Pope; K. Rawlings; R. Stephens for E. Spiller; S. Sumner for A. Grant; B. Watford for D. Taylor; L. Zietsman; A. Zink-Sharp

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: M. Hajj; K. Redican for C. Clarke

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION: K. Albright

VISITORS: K. Ausman; E. Ervin; N. Gordon; M. Pratt-Clarke; T. Rikakis; 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, amended to allow presentations from guests to take place before other Commission business. The motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL AND POSTING OF MINUTES

D. Stauffer announced the October 10, 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/minutesCUSPOct10.pdf

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-17.C, *Resolution for the Establishment of a School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech*, Second Reading.

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2016-17.C, *Resolution for the Establishment of a School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech*.

D. Stauffer informed the Commission of minor grammatical changes made to the Resolution following First Reading. D. Stauffer also reported that Faculty Senate had waived its right to review this Resolution.

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following items:

- Proposed name of the School
 - Use of the phrase “Environmental Sciences”
 - Concern regarding potential for confusion from SCHEV over the School’s scope and perception of duplication of existing programs across the University
 - History and background of Environmental Science course, major, and degree offerings within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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

Motion passed (20 Yes - 1 No - 0 Abstain)

Resolution 2016-17.D, *Resolution to Establish a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering*, Second Reading.

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2016-17.D, *Resolution to Establish a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering*.

D. Stauffer informed the Commission of changes made to the Resolution following First Reading. D. Stauffer also reported that Faculty Senate had waived its right to review this Resolution.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

R. Stephens reported that the Academic Support Committee will meet on October 26, 2016.

Academic Policies Committee

B. Watford reported that the Academic Policies Committee will be meeting within the next few weeks.

Athletic Committee

L. Geyer reported that the Athletic Committee heard a presentation on changes to current NCAA regulations at their most recent meeting. The Committee also toured the Indoor Practice Facility. Minutes from this meeting are forthcoming.

Commencement Committee

No Report.

Honor System Review Board

J. O'Grady provided a report of the Honor System Review Board for C. Rittenhouse.

She reported that the Honor System Review Board held a training for student leaders on October 21. Topics of the training session included interactions with faculty and students and maintaining an educational focus throughout the hearing process.

The Review Board also recently facilitated training with faculty members regarding the Honor System, focusing on the prevention of and response to violations of the Honor Code.

Lastly, she reported that the Review Board had a successful celebration of Global Ethics Day/Academic Integrity Day on October 19, 2016. Activities included informational booths in Newman Library and on the Drillfield, informational brochures, and social media outreach.

Library Committee

No Report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

M. Kasarda announced that the minutes of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting of September 23, 2016 were approved electronically on September 30, 2016. The motion was made and seconded to approve the September 23, 2016 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UCC REPORT—SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

**FOR “SECOND READING”
NON-UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

COURSES

New:

Spring 2017

University Honors

UH 2504 Topics in Discourse and Global Citizenship (CM-2924)

UH 2524 Topics in Natural Sciences and Global Citizenship (CM-2925)

UH 2534 Topics in Design, Arts, and Global Citizenship (CM-2926)

UH 2544 Topics in Social Science and Global Citizenship (CM-2927)

UH 2554 Topics in Humanities and Global Citizenship (CM-2928)

Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

PHS 4064 Modeling Infectious Diseases (CM-2848)

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

COURSES

New:

Spring 2017

College of Engineering

BMES 3024 Cell Engineering Laboratory and Design (CM-2895)

BMES 3184 Problem Solving in BME (CM-2867)

College of Science

COS 2015-2016 Professional Leadership in the Sciences: Curie & Da Vinci
Living Learning Community Leadership Course (CM-2839)

University Honors

UH 1504 PGS Study Abroad Pre-Departure Seminar (CM-2916)

Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

PHS 4074 Practicum in Public Health (CM-2849)

Revised:

Fall 2017 (was Spring 2017)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

FA 2004 Creativity and the Artistic Experience (CM-2914)

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

DEGREES, MAJORS, MINORS, OPTIONS

Degrees

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2020

College of Engineering

Establishment of New Degree: Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (BSBME) Major: Biomedical Engineering (BMES). First effective date to declare major: Spring 2017; First effective date to graduate: Spring 2020 (CM-2899)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (BSBME)
Major: Biomedical Engineering (BMES) (CM-2899)

Minors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2017

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of New Minor: Minor in War and Society (WAS). First effective date to declare minor: Fall 2016; First effective date to graduate: Spring 2017 (CM-2915)

Checksheet: Minor in War and Society (WAS) (CM-2915)

M. Kasarda announced that the minutes of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting of October 7, 2016 were approved electronically on October 14, 2016. The motion was made and seconded to approve the September 23, 2016 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UCC REPORT—OCTOBER 7, 2016

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

COURSES

New:

Spring 2017

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

ITDS 1224 Introduction to Interior Design (CM-2964)

College of Engineering

ME 4764 Audio Engineering Technology (CM-2897)

University Honors

UH 1604 Honors Undergraduate Research Practices (CM-2953)

Revised:

Spring 2017

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

UAP 4214 (GEOG 4214) (WGS 4214) Gender, Environment, and International Development (CM-2485)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

SPAN 4304 Topics in Early Modern Literature and Culture (CM-2912)

Fall 2017

College of Engineering

AOE 4004 State-Space Control (CM-2963)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

IS 4034 (PSCI 4034) Topics in Diplomacy Lab (CM-2966)

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

DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS,

Majors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of New Major: Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts (BATA), Major: Cinema (TAC). Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019; First effective date to declare major: Spring 2017; First effective date to graduate: Winter 2019 (CM-2911)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts (BATA), Major: Cinema (TAC) (New) Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019 (CM-2911)

Options

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of New Option: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Major: Music (MUS), Option: Creative Technologies in Music (CTLA); Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019; First effective date to declare option: Spring 2017; First effective date to graduate: Spring 2019 (CM-2952)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Major: Music (MUS), Option: Creative Technologies in Music (CTLA). Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019 (CM-2952)

Discontinue:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Bachelor of Science (BS), Major: Applied Economic Management (AEM),
Option: Financial Planning (FNPN); Last Term and Year to Graduate: Fall 2019
(CM-2961)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Major: Theatre Arts (TA), Option/Concentration: Cinema
(TAC) Last term and year to graduate: Fall 2019 (CM-2911)

Minors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2018

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Establishment of New Minor: Minor in Integrative Health and Wellness (IHW).
Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2018; First effective date to
declare minor: Fall 2016; First effective date to graduate: Winter 2018 (CM-2960)

Checksheet: Minor in Integrative Health and Wellness (IHW) (CM-2960)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of New Minor: Minor in Global Engagement (GLBE). Effective
for students graduating in calendar year 2018; First effective date to declare
minor: Fall 2016; First effective date to graduate: Winter 2018 (CM-2967)

Checksheet: Minor in Global Engagement (GLBE) (CM-2967)

Discontinue:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016

Pamplin College of Business

Minor in Electronic Business (EBUS); Last Term and Year to Graduate: Fall 2016
(CM-2932)

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Minor in 21st Century Studies (C21S); Last Term and Year to Graduate: Fall 2019
(CM-2910)

Undergraduate Studies and Policies

No Report.

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

L. Zietsman presented the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No Report.

Staff Senate

No Report.

Faculty Senate

No Report.

Student Government Association

No Report.

Graduate Student Assembly

K. Gresham reported that the Graduate Student Assembly would hold its next meeting on October 27 at 5:30 pm. The meeting is open to the public and dinner will be provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

Beyond Boundaries and Destination Areas

Executive Vice President and Provost T. Rikakis provided an update to the Commission on the University's Beyond Boundaries initiative and progress on the formation of Destination Areas. The presentation outlined several key concepts including the new budget model for colleges, the existing Destination Areas and Strategic Growth Areas, and the integration of Pathways and other strategic initiatives. The Provost's presentation may be accessed here:

http://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2016-2017/cusp1617oct25/ProvostBBCommunicationOctober2016002.pdf

Clarification and discussion topics included the following:

- The evolution of the Destination Area concepts over time
 - Framework will not change
 - Structure (i.e., evaluation, metrics, topics) within each Destination Area and curriculum will continue to develop and evolve over time
 - Increased focus on communication from the administration regarding changes
- Process for developing Destination Areas and Strategic Growth Areas
 - Destination Areas are envisioned as areas where the University will have obtained national recognition within 5 years
 - Strategic Growth Areas are envisioned as areas where the University will have obtained national recognition within 10 years
 - Areas were developed by conducting a series of town hall meetings, gathering data through surveys, evaluating departmental and college level strengths, and determination of the maximum number of students who could be engaged through each potential area
- Impacts on Curriculum and Instruction
 - Incentives for departments and instructors to restructure curricula to be more interdisciplinary and experiential
 - Role of Graduate Teaching Assistants and opportunities for growth with exposure to both research and academics

- All curriculum changes will come through the University governance process

Discussion of Strategic Growth Area (Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition) and InclusiveVT

Vice President for Strategic Affairs and Vice Provost for Inclusion and Diversity M. Pratt-Clarke provided a presentation to the Commission on the work to create a Strategic Growth Area focusing on the issues of Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition. Dr. Pratt-Clarke also updated the Commission on the University's InclusiveVT initiative. The presentation outlined several key concepts regarding the integration of diversity and inclusion concepts into the Pathways for General Education Curriculum. The full presentation may be accessed here: http://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2016-2017/cusp1617oct25/CUSPPresentationonSGA002.pdf

Clarification and discussion topics included the following:

- Potential impacts of an additional Pathways area
 - Constraint in available elective credits within certain majors
 - Some students may have to take three additional credits to fulfill Pathways requirements
 - One potential proposal is for the new area to be fulfilled by double counting other Pathways courses (similar to existing CLE Area 7)
- Defining intersectionality within the proposed Pathways area
 - Global versus United States focus
- Clarification of proposed timeline of resolution to amend Pathways to include this area

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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