

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**February 27, 2017**  
**1810 Litton-Reaves Hall, 3:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** D. Stauffer (Chair); J. Brozovsky; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; J. Collier for G. Chandler Smith; A. Egan for C. Rittenhouse; K. Gresham; M. Hajj; T. Hammett; R. Jacks; M. Kasarda; A.M. Knoblauch; G. Long for S. Morton; A. Pope; J. Sible; S. Sumner for A. Grant; D. Thorp for E. Spiller; A. Zink-Sharp

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** K. Albright; K. Redican for C. Clarke; L. Zietsman

**ABSENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION :** M. Finn; L. Geyer; R. Holloway; B. Watford for D. Taylor

**VISITORS:** J. Bixler; K. Murray; 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 February 13, 2017 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-feb-10-17/MINUTES-CUSP-February-13-2017.pdf](http://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2016-2017/cusp-feb-10-17/MINUTES-CUSP-February-13-2017.pdf)

**OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution 2016-17.H, *Resolution for the Renaming of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures*, **First Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2016-17.H, *Resolution for the Renaming of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures*,

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

The necessity of listing the various languages taught by the department in the resolution was discussed, but was justified as contributing to the narrative of the department's growth.

The resolution will also be edited to correct the name of SCHEV to “the State Council for Higher Education for Virginia”.

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

Resolution 2016-17.I, *Resolution to Revise University Calendar Criteria (Presidential Policy Memorandum 228)*, **First Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2016-17.I, *Resolution to Revise University Calendar Criteria (Presidential Policy Memorandum 228)*.

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

Discussion and clarification included the following topics:

- Grammatical edits to correct subject-verb agreement with the word “criteria” throughout the document
- Rationale of the number of class days being different between Fall and Spring terms
  - Discussion on the existing symmetry of the Fall and Spring terms
  - Discussion on which day would be eliminated from Spring term to make the number of instructional days equal to that of Fall term
  - Impact on the M/W/F, T/R, and M/W class schedules
  - Impact on courses which are taught in both Fall and Spring term
- Students and faculty overwhelmingly support this no class day
- Rationale for one Summer term

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## **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 January 24, 2017 meeting of the University Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting of the University Athletics Committee.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Commencement Committee**

No Report.

## **Honor System Review Board**

A Egan for C. Rittenhouse reported that the Office of Undergraduate Academic Integrity had released its quarterly report. The report can be uploaded by clicking this link:

[http://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar\\_vt\\_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2016-2017/cusp\\_feb\\_27\\_17/Office-Academic-Integrity-Quarterly-Report.pdf](http://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2016-2017/cusp_feb_27_17/Office-Academic-Integrity-Quarterly-Report.pdf)

Highlights of the report include:

- 8 of the 12 Honor Council Delegates made the Dean's list in Fall 2016
- More than 9,000 students, parents, faculty, and staff have attended Honor System presentations.
- More than 4,000 students have completed the Academic Integrity and Student Success Online Learning module
- The Undergraduate Honor System conducted more than 4,800 consultations with members of the academic community between November 2016 and February 2017
- More than 402 cases have been reported or resolved this academic year
- Case resolution time has decreased from around 60 class days to 15 class days in most cases, promoting a fair and timely response for both faculty and students
- 83.8% of cases were resolved through the new Faculty-Student Resolution Process

## **Library Committee**

No Report.

## **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

M. Kasarda presented the February 10, 2017 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 10, 2017 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**UCC REPORT—FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

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

**COURSES**

**New:**

**Summer II 2017**

**College of Architecture and Urban Studies**

BC 4264 Fundamentals of Construction Management (CM-3237)

**Fall 2017**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

DASC 2204 Entrepreneurship in Animal Agriculture (CM-3151)

**College of Engineering**

AOE 3144 Space Vehicle Dynamics (CM-3147)

AOE 3234 Ocean Vehicle Dynamics (CM-3148)

BMES 4154 Commercialization of Biomedical Engineering Research (CM-3039)

CEM 3024 Construction Estimating and Scheduling (CM-3199)

CEM 3074 Global Design and Construction for Sustainable Development  
(CM-3201)

CEM 4024 Construction Law and Contract Administration (CM-3202)

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

NR 2234 First Semester Experience for Transfer Students in Natural Resources &  
Environment (CM-3207)

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

<b>DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS,</b>
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**Majors**

**New:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

Establishment of New Major: Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (BSFRC); Major: Environmental Resources Management (ERM); First term to declare major: Spring 2017; First term and year to graduate: Spring 2019 (CM-3241)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (BSFRC); Major: Environmental Resources Management (ERM); Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019 (CM-3241)

**Revised:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

Bachelor of Science in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management (BSWTR); Major: Water: Resources, Policy, and Management (WRPM); Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019. (CM-3163)

**Options**

**Revised:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (BSFRC); Major: Forestry (FORS); Option: Urban Forestry (UFOR); Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019. (CM-3162)

**Discontinue:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (BSFRC); Major: Environmental Resources Management (ERM); Option: Environmental Resource Management (ERM); Last term and year to graduate: Fall 2019 (CM-3240)

Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (BSFRC); Major: Natural Resources Conservation (NRC); Option: Natural Resources Science Education (NRSE); Last term and year to graduate: Fall 2019 (CM-3243)

Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (BSFRC); Major: Environmental Resources Management (ERM); Option: Watershed Management (WATM); Last term and year to graduate: Fall 2019 (CM-3239)

**Minors**

**Revised:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2019**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

Minor in Watershed Management (WSM); Effective for students graduating in calendar year 2019. (CM-3156)

**Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

No Report.

**University Curriculum Committee for General Education**

M. Kasarda presented the February 8, 2017 Report of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 8, 2017 Report of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**PATHWAYS AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

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

**Courses**

**Revised:**

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**CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

ALS 4204: Concepts in Community Food Systems (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Social Sciences GE03, Pathways Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3026)

ALS 4214: Capstone in Civic Agriculture and Food Systems (Revised) (Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts GE06, Ethical Reasoning GE10) CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018 (CM 3027)

**Pamplin College of Business**

ACIS 1004: Accounting Foundations (CLE Area 5, Pathways Quantitative and Computational Thinking GE05, Pathways Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3038)

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

HIST 1024: Ancient History (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3052)

CLA 2444 (ENGL 2444) (RLCL 2444): Ancient Greek and Roman Mythology (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3053)

FA 2004: Creativity and the Aesthetic Experience (CLE Area 6, Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts GE06, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3054)

HIST 1115-16: History of the United States (CLE Area 3, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3055)

PSVP 2044 (SOC 2044): Peace and Violence (CLE Areas 3 and 7, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3056)

TA 2024: Introduction to Acting (CLE Areas 2 and 6, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts GE06, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3057)

HIST 3544: World War II (CLE Areas 3 and 7, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Ethical Reasoning GE10, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3058)

COMM 1014: Introduction to Communication (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3059)

#### **Minors**

#### **Revised:**

**CLE Fall 2017/Pathways Fall 2018**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Civic Agriculture and Food Systems (CM 3023)

#### **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

##### **Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs**

No Report.

##### **Staff Senate**

No Report.

##### **Faculty Senate**

No Report.



## **Student Government Association**

A. Pope reported that the Student Government Association is currently working with the Library to plan events for Open Education Week. SGA is also working on an initiative with Faculty and College Deans to advocate for lower cost resources for students to use in and out of the classroom.

## **Graduate Student Assembly**

No Report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **College of Science Request for Posthumous Degree**

G. Long, Associate Dean of the College of Science, moved approval of the posthumous awarding of the degree *Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, Magna Cum Laude, to Nathanael Burklin Fox effective Spring 2017.*

Dr. Long indicated that the request was based on the recommendation of the faculty of the Department of Biochemistry, and supported by the College of Science.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM.

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