

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
APRIL 8, 2019
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 PM

PRESENT: M. Kasarda (Chair); V. Fowler; S. Hart for K. Goyne; S. Sumner for A. Grant; R. Holloway; L. Hoyns for M. Andrews; S. Johnson; C. Leeth; T. Hammett; R. Panneton for S. Morton; J. Orr; C. Boone for J. Ross; J. Sible; S. Tatum; D. Thorp; L. Zietsman

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: K. Albright; B. Barnhill; M. Byers; S. Campos; G. Daniel; K. Edgar; K. Hosig; C. Johnson; L. Khansa; A. Knoblauch; J. Loferski; S. Metko; K. Redican; P. Tarkenton; C. Touzel; D. Wodak

VISITORS: N. Akers; S. Biscotte; G. Costello; B. Smith; R. Sparks

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by M. Kasarda.

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

M. Kasarda announced the March 25, 2019 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/2018-2019/mar25/minutes_cusp_3_25_19_rev.pdf

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2018-19.C *Resolution to Approve New Major, Polymer Chemistry, in Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Second Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2018-19.C *Resolution to Approve New Major, Polymer Chemistry, in Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.*

M. Kasarda opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2018-19.C.

- R. Panneton noted that the minor grammatical revisions previously suggested by the Commission had been made.

Resolution 2018-19.C has received a waiver from Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2018-19.C. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-19.D *Resolution to Approve New Major, Medicinal Chemistry, in Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Second Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2018-19.D *Resolution to Approve New Major, Medicinal Chemistry, in Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.*

M. Kasarda opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2018-19.D.

- R. Panneton noted that the minor grammatical revisions previously suggested by the Commission had been made.

Resolution 2018-19.D has received a waiver from Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2018-19.D. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-19.F *Resolution to Approve Transitional Plan to Facilitate the Change to Date of Entry Graduation Requirements, Second Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2018-19.F *Resolution to Approve Transitional Plan to Facilitate the Change to Date of Entry Graduation Requirements.*

M. Kasarda opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2018-19.F.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- Several Commission members stated that they had received supportive feedback for the Resolution from their respective departments.
- C. Boone stated that the Engineering department would like additional time to submit feedback on the Resolution and had voiced concerns over

transfer and returning students, as well as length of time courses would have to remain on the timetable

Resolution 2018-19.F has received a waiver from Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2018-19.F. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

The motion passed with a majority with one vote against.

For Information Purposes: Student Government Association Response to **Resolution 2018-19.E** *Resolution to Discontinue Degree, Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science and Mechanics*

M. Kasarda read the Student Government Association Response to Resolution **2018-19.E** for informational purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2018-19.G *Resolution to Amend Implementation for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Extend Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee, First Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2018-19.G *Resolution to Amend Implementation for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Extend Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee.*

M. Kasarda opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2018-19.G.

Resolution 2018-19.G has been forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2018-19.G will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

R. Panneton presented the March 6, 2019 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 6, 2019 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

R. Panneton presented the March 27, 2019 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 27, 2019 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

Athletics Committee

No report.

Commencement Committee

No report.

Honor Council

L. Hoyns shared that delegate recruitment for the council received 260 applications which was cut down to 60 with individual interviews being conducted the week of April 8, 2019. The Council is planning to create a group beginning in the Fall 2019 semester to help with outreach activities.

Library Committee

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

No report.

Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee

L. Zietsman presented the report of the March 27, 2019 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 27, 2019 report of the Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—MARCH 27, 2019
For “First and Second Reading”
Unanimous Approval

COURSES

New:

CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

CRIM 4474: Cyber Criminology (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Ethical Reasoning G10) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4725)

RUS 3434 (ENGL 3434): The Works of Vladimir Nabokov (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4811)

College of Science

ECON 1104: Economics of Gender (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Critical Analysis of Equity and Identity in the United States G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4800)

PSYC 4194 (BDS 4194): Predicting Social Behavior (CLE Area 3, CLE Area 5, Pathways Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking G05a, Ethical Reasoning G10) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4795)

Pathways Fall 2019

University Honors College

UH 2855-2856: Calhoun Transdisciplinary Fusion Studio (Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts G06d, Ethical Reasoning G10) Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4786)

Revised:

CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

AFST 1814: Introduction to African Studies (CLE Area 2, CLE Area 7, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4806)

AHRM 1014: Design and Art for Consumers (CLE Area 6, Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts G06ad, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4819)

STS 2154: The Life Sciences and Society (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Ethical Reasoning G10) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4818)

College of Science

BIOL 1064: Plants and Civilization (CLE Area 4, CLE Area 7, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences G04, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4830)

Pamplin College of Business

MGT 4334: Ethical Leadership and Corporate Social Responsibility (CLE Area 7, Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Critical Analysis of Equity and Identity in the United States G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) CLE Fall 2019/Pathways Fall 2019 (CM 4826)

Pathways Fall 2019

MINORS

New:

Effective Graduation Calendar Year 2021

College of Natural Resources and Environment

Establishment of new Pathways Minor: Blue Planet (BLPL); First term to declare minor: Spring 2019; First term and year to graduate: Winter 2021 (CM 4794)

Check sheet for new Pathways Minor: Blue Planet (BLPL); First term to declare minor: Spring 2019; Effective for students graduating calendar year 2021 (CM 4794)

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

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

For Information Purposes: CSA **Resolution 2018-19.B** *Resolution in Support of Accommodating Religious and Cultural Absences*

M. Kasarda read the CSA **Resolution 2018-19.B** *Resolution in Support of Accommodating Religious and Cultural Absences* for informational purposes.

M. Kasarda opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2018-19.B.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- Commission members questioned the legality of the Resolution per federal and state law regarding religion in public schools.
- D. Thorp noted the inaccuracies in the Resolution regarding the existence of a similar policy at the University of Virginia.
- R. Sparks provided the Commission with background on the history of the calendar of religious holidays and stated that there would continue to be collaboration with CSA to provide clarification on the Resolution.

Nominations/Review of CUSP Sub-Committee Chairs and Representatives For Academic Year 2019-2020

The following individuals accepted nominations to serve as Chairs and Representatives of CUSP Sub-Committees for Academic Year 2019-2020:

- Academic Support Committee – Dan Thorp
- Academic Policies Committee – Robin Panneton
- University Athletics Committee –
 - Commission will revisit at the April 22 CUSP meeting
- University Commencement Committee –
 - Commission will revisit at the April 22 CUSP meeting
- University Curriculum Committee for General Education – Virginia Fowler

G. Costello presented a request to the Commission to consider review and electronic approval of the final reports of both the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee for the last meetings of the Spring 2019 term occurring after the last scheduled Commission meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to review and approve electronically the final reports of both the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Becki Smith, Office of the University Registrar*