

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 PM

PRESENT: M. Kasarda (Chair); K. Albright; M. Andrews; B. Huckle for K. Edgar; V. Fowler; S. Sumner for A. Grant; R. Holloway; S. Johnson; L. Khansa; C. Leeth; J. Loferski; R. Panneton for S. Morton; J. Orr; B. Watford for J. Ross; J. Sible; S. Tatum; D. Thorp; D. Wodak; L. Zietsman

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: A. Knoblauch; K. Redican

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION: M. Byers; G. Daniel; T. Hammett; K. Hosig; C. Johnson; S. Metko; P. Tarkenton; C. Touzel

VISITORS: N. Akers; P. Becksted for M. Pratt-Clarke and E. McCann; G. Costello; M. Coulter; M. Marsh

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 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 September 10, 2018 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/2018-2019/sept10/minutes_cusp_9_10_18.pdf

REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No Report.

Academic Policies Committee

No Report.

Athletics Committee

The Athletics Committee had its first meeting. Minutes will be brought forward at the next Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies meeting.

Commencement Committee

No Report.

Honor Council

M. Andrews shared that the Honor Council has received 369 reported cases since the start of the 2018-2019 academic year. He further noted that the numbers reflect that more professors are engaged in the process and willing to report incidents, not that there is more cheating overall.

M. Andrews also shared that of the cases so far, there have not been as many F * grades. He further elaborated that F * grades are the recommended sanction for honor code violations, and they appear on the transcript to indicate an F final grade in the course due to an honor code violation officially noted as “*By Committee Action”. He further noted that fewer F * grade sanctions indicates lower level honor code violations which professors are catching early and using as teachable moments.

M. Andrews also announced that the Honor Council is available to provide presentations at faculty member request in classes. So far, they have conducted roughly 45 in-class presentations and further noted that these presentations can be tailored to the specific class when possible.

Library Committee

No Report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

On behalf of K. Redican, M. Kasarda presented the September 14, 2018 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 14, 2018 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

COURSES

New:

Spring 2019

College of Engineering

BMES 3154 Bioinstrumentation and Analysis (CM-4579)

CEM 3154 Smart Construction (CM-4562)

ENGR 2174 Principles of Computer Systems (CM-4408)

College of Science

CHEM 4584 Bioorganic Chemistry (CM-4571)

PHYS 2324 Thermal Physics Module (CM-4551)

PHYS 2334 Waves and Sound Module (CM-4549)

PHYS 2344 Optics Module (CM-4548)

PSYC 2014 Psychology of Social Interventions (CM-4570)

Revised:

Spring 2019

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

ALS 3304 Physiology of Reproduction (CM-4550)

Pamplin College of Business

MKTG 4604 Retail Management (CM-4553)

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

L. Zietsman presented the minutes of the September 5, 2018 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2018 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

L. Zietsman presented the minutes of the September 12, 2018 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2018 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No report.

Staff Senate

No report.

Faculty Senate

D. Wodak reported that the Faculty Senate has met and is considering various topics to be reviewed this academic year.

Student Government Association

No report.

Graduate Student Assembly

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Presentation

P. Becksted, Assistant Director for Strategic Planning, conducted a presentation to share the strategic planning work and current initiatives. Presentation topics included an overview of the

work completed so far, an invitation for the campus community to provide feedback regarding the themes that have emerged from the research, and time frame for continued work. The Office for Strategic Affairs welcomes feedback on the prioritization of the Strategic Objectives and Beyond Boundaries Concepts that emerged from the research so far.

Resources:

- Online Poll: <https://tinyurl.com/stratplanpoll>
- Website: <https://strategicaffairs.vt.edu/>
- Email: strategicaffairs@vt.edu

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Coulter, Office of the University Registrar*