

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**October 23, 2017**  
**230 Student Services Building, 3:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** D. Stauffer; J. Billingsley; D. Clubb; V. Fowler; S. Sumner for A. Grant; T. Hammett; R. Holloway; L. Khansa; A. Knoblauch; C. Leeth; R. Panneton for S. Morton; C. Boone for J. Ross; J. Sible; D. Thorp; S. Ulrich; R. Willis; L. Zietsman

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** K. Albright; K. Hosig; M. Kasarda; S. Metko; K. Redican; A. Zink-Sharp

**ABSENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION:** C. Clarke; M. Hajj; A. Roche; K. Yousef

**VISITORS:** N. Akers; S. Biscotte; G. Costello; M. Coulter; R. Sparks

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM by Dean Stauffer.

**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 October 9, 2017 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/2017-2018/oct9/minutes\\_cusp\\_oct\\_9\\_final.PDF](https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2017-2018/oct9/minutes_cusp_oct_9_final.PDF)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2017-18.B, *Resolution to approve new major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy*, **Second Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading *Resolution 2017-18.B, Resolution to approve new major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy*.

D. Stauffer informed the Commission that no changes had been made to the resolution following First Reading. D. Stauffer also reported that the Faculty Senate had waived its right to review Resolution 2017-18.B.

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2017-18.B.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2017-18.B.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2017-18.C** *Resolution to Revise Pathways General Education Curriculum (Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 125 and University Core Curriculum/Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) (PPM 24)) and Implementation for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Amend the Language for Foundational Discourse Courses,*

**First Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2017-18.C, *Resolution to Revise Pathways General Education Curriculum (Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 125 and University Core Curriculum/Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) (PPM 24)) and Implementation for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Amend the Language for Foundational Discourse Courses*

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2017-18.C.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

J. Sible provided background to clarify that the intent was for courses satisfying foundational discourse to be taught in English.

The Commission suggested minor grammatical edits to the resolution be considered.

Resolution 2017-18.C has been forwarded to Faculty Senate for comment. Following the Faculty Senate review and response, the second reading of Resolution 2017-18.C 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**

No Report.

**Athletic Committee**

S. Sumner – presented the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting of the Athletic Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting of the Athletic Committee.

**Commencement Committee**

No Report.

**Honor Council**

No Report.

**Library Committee**

No Report.

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

No Report.

**University Curriculum Committee for General Education**

L. Zietsman presented the minutes of the October 4, 2017 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2017 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

L. Zietsman presented the report of the October 11, 2017 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report of the October 11, 2017 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee.

**PATHWAYS AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—OCTOBER 11, 2017**

**For “First Reading”**

**Not Approved: Unanimous**

**COURSES**

**Revised:**

**Undergraduate Education**

UNIV 1824: Pathways to Success: Exploring Your Future (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3773)

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

**Courses**

**Revised:**

**CLE Spring 2018/Pathways Fall 2018**

**College of Architecture and Urban Studies**

ART 3054: Islamic Art & Architecture (CLE Area 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 3751)

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

CINE 2054: Introduction to Cinema (CLE Area 6, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3752)

MUS 3414: Choral Ensemble Music (CLE Area 6, Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts GE06, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3748)

PHIL 1204: Knowledge and Reality (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3742)

PHIL 2115, 2116: Ancient Through Medieval Philosophy (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3766)

RLCL 3214: Religion and Culture in India (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3746)

SPAN 3404: Early Peninsular Culture and Literature (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3757)

**College of Science**

GEOS 1024: Earth Resources, Society and the Environment (CLE Areas 4 and 7, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3762)

GEOS 2014: Mission to the Planets (CLE Areas 4, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3761)

PHYS 2215-2216: General Physics Laboratory (CLE Area 4, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3765)

## **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

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

No report.

### **Staff Senate**

No report.

### **Faculty Senate**

D. Stauffer reported that the Faculty Senate is discussing potential faculty communication process with the Office of the Provost.

A commission member suggested that Faculty Senate consider implementing electronic approval of minutes.

### **Student Government Association**

No report.

### **Graduate Student Assembly**

S. Ulrich reported that the Graduate Student Assembly met on October 23, 2017 and discussed the issue of academic bullying.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 PM.

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

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