

MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES  
March 24, 2014  
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 PM

Present: A. Zink-Sharp (Chair); S. Sumner for A. Grant; G. Long for L. N. Chang; V. Fowler; G. Yee; M. Denbow; A. Knoblauch; S. Hirt; R. Holloway; E. Westman for R. Benson; D. Stauffer; B. Martin; S. Martin; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; C. Fleming; R. Stephens for J. Hirt; D. Smith; J. Sible; M. Hajj; Z. Montgomery; L. Pressley; L. Tegarden for J. Arthur; G. Kirk

Absent without Notification: C. Clarke; J. Edens; M. Trunak; B. Ashley; C. Grubbs

Visitors: S. Biscotte; K. Deater-Deckard; S. Schoenholtz; B. Denton; G. Costello; W. Ashton; C. Brunelli

### **Call to Order and Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Audrey Zink-Sharp, Chair.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

### **Announcement of Approval and Posting of Minutes**

Audrey Zink-Sharp announced the February 24, 2014 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website ([http://www.registrar.vt.edu/governance/dates-materials/CUSP\\_2013-2014/index.html](http://www.registrar.vt.edu/governance/dates-materials/CUSP_2013-2014/index.html)).

### **New Business**

### **Reports and Minutes from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees**

Resolution 2013-14.G, Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management, First Reading

A motion was made and seconded to present for first reading *Resolution 2013-14.G, Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management*, effective Spring 2015, for first reading.

Dr. Schoenholtz provided overview of degree program.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.

Resolution 2013-14.I, Resolution to approve Major in Public Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication, First Reading

A motion was made and seconded to present for first reading *Resolution 2013-14.I, Resolution to approve Major in Public Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication*, effective Fall 2014, for first reading.

Dr. Stephens presented that Major in Public Relations shares a common degree core with the other Bachelor of Art in Communication degree majors.

Dr. Denton provided an overview for the option to major change.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.

Resolution 2013-14.J, Resolution to approve Major in Multimedia Journalism, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication, First Reading

A motion was made and seconded to present for first reading *Resolution 2013-14.J, Resolution to approve Major in Multimedia Journalism, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication*, effective Fall 2014, for first reading.

Dr. Stephens presented that Major in Multimedia Journalism shares a common degree core with the other Bachelor of Art in Communication degree majors.

Dr. Denton provided an overview for the option to major change.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.

Resolution 2013-14.K, Resolution to approve Major in Communication Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication, First Reading

A motion was made and seconded to present for first reading *Resolution 2013-14.K, Resolution to approve Major in Communication Studies, in Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication*, effective Fall 2014, for first reading.

Dr. Stephens presented that Major in Communication Studies shares a common degree core with the other Bachelor of Art in Communication degree majors.

Dr. Denton provided an overview for the option to major change.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.

Resolution 2013-14.L, Revision to Prohibiting Students from Repeating Course to Improve Grade Averages (Undergraduate Repeating Course Enrollment Policy), First Reading

A motion was made and seconded to present for first reading *Resolution 2013-14.L, Revision to Prohibiting Students from Repeating Course to Improve Grade Averages (Undergraduate Repeating Course Enrollment Policy)*, for first reading.

Points of discussion:

- Applications of policy for students requesting to take an attempted VT course at another college/university.
- Consideration for a student with an illness.
- Advising intervention value of policy.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.

Resolution 2013-14.N, Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience, First Reading

A motion was made and seconded to present for first reading *Resolution 2013-14.N, Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience*, effective Fall 2015, for first reading.

Dr. Deater-Deckard provided overview of degree program.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.

## **Reports and Minutes from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees**

### **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

Stephen Martin presented the reports of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting of February 21, 2014, February 28, 2014, and March 7, 2014. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Reports of February 21, 2014, February 28, 2014 and March 7, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

### **UCC Report–February 21, 2014**

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

<b>Courses</b>
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**New:**

#### **Spring 2014**

##### **College of Science**

STAT 2524 Data Science (CM-1388)

#### **Summer I 2014**

##### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

ITAL 1114 Accelerated Elementary Italian (CM-1420)

#### **Fall 2014**

##### **College of Agriculture & Life Sciences**

APSC 2164 Companion and Laboratory Animal Care Handling (CM-1445)

APSC 3064 Companion and Laboratory Animal Science (CM-1453)

##### **College of Engineering**

MINE 2534 Mine Surveying and Mapping (CM-1439)

##### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

EDCI 4264 Introduction to Reading Instruction for Elementary Students: A Clinical Course (CM-1422)

PSVP 2044 (SOC 2044) Peace and Violence (CM-1436)

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

GEOG/NR 2004 Introduction to Water Resources and Environmental Issues (CM-1488)

**College of Science**

MATH 2204 Introduction to Multivariable Calculus (CM-1406)

NEUR 2025-2026 Introduction to Neuroscience (CM-1429)

NEUR 3044 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience (CM-1431)

NEUR 3084 Cognitive Neuroscience (CM-1432)

NEUR 4034 Clinical Neuroscience (CM-1433)

PHYS 3254 Enriched Physics Outreach (CM-1385)

**Spring 2015**

**College of Science**

CHEM 4434 Organometallic Chemistry (CM-1410)

**Fall 2015**

**College of Science**

NEUR 4044 Neuroscience Senior Seminar (CM-1434)

**Discontinued:**

**Fall 2014**

**College of Agriculture & Life Sciences**

APSC 4064 Issues in Companion Animal Management (CM-1453)

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

<b>Degrees, Majors, Options, Minors</b>
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**Degree**

**New:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

Establishment of Degree: Bachelor of Science in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management (BSWTR), Major – Water: Resources, Policy, and Management (WRPM), first enrollment effective Spring 2015 (CM-1489)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Water: Resources, Policy, and Management, Major – Water: Resources, Policy, and Management (WRPM) (CM-1489)

\*New Degrees Require Board of Visitors (BOV) and State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) approval prior to initiation.

**Major**

**Revised:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016**

**College of Agriculture & Life Sciences**

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences (BSAGS), Major – Agricultural Sciences (AGSC) (CM-1496)

**Option**

**New:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016**

**College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences**

Establishment of New Major Option: Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing and Resource Management (BSARM), Major – Apparel, Housing and Resource Management (AHRM), Option – Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), first enrollment effective Spring 2014 (CM-1481)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing and Resource

Management (BSARM), Major – Apparel, Housing and Resource  
Management (AHRM), Option – Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)  
(CM-1481)

## **UCC Report–February 28, 2014**

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

<b>Courses</b>
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**New:**

**Fall 2014**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

HIST 3904 Critical Reading and Analysis in History (CM-1475)

HIST 4904 History Research Seminar (CM-1476)

IS 4735-4736 Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (CM-1470)

**College of Science**

NEUR 2035-2036 Neuroscience Laboratory (CM-1430)

NEUR 3064 Educational Neuroscience (CM-1505)

NEUR 4084 Development Cognitive Neuroscience (CM-1504)

NEUR 4454 Neuroeconomics (CM-1500)

STAT 3424 Introduction to Statistical Neuroscience and Image Analysis  
(CM-1387)

**Fall 2015**

**College of Agriculture & Life Science**

APSC 4464 Companion and Laboratory Animal Health and Management  
(CM-1452)

**College of Science**

NEUR 1004 Neuroscience Orientation Seminar (CM-1428)

NEUR 4054 Neuroscience Research and Practical Experience  
(CM-1508)

**Revised:**

**Fall 2014**

**College of Engineering**

CEE 4544 Design of Earth Structures (CM-1465)

**Discontinued:**

**Fall 2014**

**College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences**

HIST 4004 Topics in Social and Cultural History (CM-1476)

HIST 4014 Topics in War, Revolution and Diplomacy (CM-1476)

HIST 4024 Topics in Colonialism and Imperialism (CM-1476)

HIST 4034 Topics in Economic and Business History (CM-1476)

HIST 4044 Topics in Women's History (CM-1476)

HIST 4054 Topics in Political History (CM-1476)

HIST 4064 Topics in Race and Ethnic History (CM-1476)

HIST 4214 Topics in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology  
(CM-1476)

HIST 4224 Topics in Legal and Constitutional History (CM-1476)

HIST 4234 Topics in African-American History (CM-1476)

HIST 4244 Topics in Environmental History (CM-1476)



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

<b>Degrees, Majors, Options, Minors</b>
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**Degree**

**New:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

Establishment of Degree: Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience (BSNEU),  
Major – Neuroscience (NEUR), first enrollment effective Fall 2015 (CM-1509)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience (BSNEU), Major –  
Neuroscience (NEUR) (CM-1509)

\*New Degrees Require Board of Visitors (BOV) and State Council of Higher  
Education (SCHEV) approval prior to initiation.

**Major**

**New:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2015**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Establishment of new Major: Bachelor of Arts in Communication  
(BACOM), Major – Public Relations (PR), first enrollment effective Fall  
2014 (CM-1552)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BACOM), Major –  
Public Relations (PR) (CM-1552)

Establishment of new Major: Bachelor of Arts in Communication  
(BACOM), Major – Multimedia Journalism (MJ), first enrollment  
effective Fall 2014 (CM-1553)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BACOM), Major –  
Multimedia Journalism (MJ) (CM-1553)

Establishment of new Major: Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BACOM), Major – Communication Studies (CMST), first enrollment effective Fall 2014 (CM-1554)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BACOM), Major – Communication Studies (CMST) (CM-1554)

### **Option**

#### **Revised:**

#### **Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016**

##### **College of Agriculture & Life Sciences**

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Animal and Poultry Sciences (BSAPS),  
Major – Animal and Poultry Sciences (ASPC), Option – Pre-Vet (FST) (CM-1518)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Animal and Poultry Sciences (BSAPS),  
Major – Animal and Poultry Sciences (ASPC), Option – Production-Business (PBL) (CM-1519)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Animal and Poultry Sciences (BSAPS),  
Major – Animal and Poultry Sciences (ASPC) Option – Science (SCEL) (CM-1520)

### **Option**

#### **Discontinued:**

#### **Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2014**

##### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Discontinue Major Option (upon approval of new Major): Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BACOM), Option – Public Relations (PR). Last term and year for granting option Fall 2014 (CM-1552)

Discontinue Major Option (upon approval of new Major): Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BACOM), Option – Multimedia Journalism (MJ). Last term and year for granting option Fall 2014 (CM-1553)

Discontinue Major Option (upon approval of new Major): Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BACOM), Option – Communication Studies (CMST).

Last term and year for granting option Fall 2014 (CM-1554)

**UCC Report–March 7,2014**

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

<b>Courses</b>
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**New:**

**Fall 2014**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

AFST 3444 (SOC 3444, CINE 3444) African American Images in Film (CM-1538)

ARBC 2105-2106 Intermediate Arabic (CM-1456)

ARBC 2774 Arab Culture and Civilization (CM-1539)

ARBC 3105-3106 Advanced Arabic (CM-1455)

ARBC 3304 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (CM-1457)

CINE 3534 Avant-Garde Cinema (CM-1483)

CINE 4534 Underground Cinema and Culture (CM-1484)

HIST 3054 The American Civil War (CM-1487)

HIST 3624 Health and Illness in African History (CM-1473)

HIST 3634 Mau Mau: Colonialism and Rebellion in Kenya (CM-1474)

HIST 3754 Public History (CM-1477)

HIST 3764 Oral History: Methods and Practices (CM-1478)

HIST 3774 Digital History (CM-1480)

IS 3114 (PSCI 3114) Global Security (CM-1534)

IS 3624 (PSCI 3624) Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (CM-1535)

WGS 4334 (SOC 4334) (STS 4334) Sexual Medicine (CM-1421)

## **Pamplin College of Business**

HTM 4354 Information Technology in Hospitality and Tourism (CM-1516)

MGT 1935, 1936 Fundamentals of Cadet Professional Development  
(CM-1019)

MGT 2935, 2936 Career Planning for Cadets (CM-1020)

MGT 3935, 3936 Advanced Professional Development for Cadets  
CM-1021)

MGT 4935, 4936 Cadet Citizen Leader Practicum (CM-1022)

## **College of Science**

MATH 1014 Precalculus with Transcendental Functions

MATH 1025-1026 Elementary Calculus (CM-1502)

MATH 2024 Intermediate Calculus (CM-1503)

MATH 2114 Introduction to Linear Algebra (CM-1405)

## **Spring 2015**

### **College of Agriculture & Life Sciences**

HNFE 2804 Exercise and Health (CM-1568)

## **Revised:**

### **Fall 2014**

#### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

DASC 1574 Dairy Science First Year Experience (CM-1532)

#### **College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences**

HD 4324 Advanced Family Relationships (CM-1537)

## **Discontinued:**

### **Fall 2014**

#### **College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences**

HIST 3055-3056 Civil War Reconstruction (CM-1487)

#### **College of Science**

MATH 1015 Elementary Calculus with Trigonometry I (CM-1501)

MATH 1016 Elementary Calculus with Trigonometry I  
(CM-1502)

MATH 2016 Elementary Calculus with Trigonometry II (CM-1503)

### **Spring 2015**

#### **College of Agriculture & Life Sciences**

HNFE 3864 Concepts of Preventive and Therapeutic Exercise  
(CM-1568)

#### **College of Science**

MATH 2015 Elementary Calculus with Trigonometry II (CM-1502)

## **University Commencement Committee Meeting**

Candice Clemenz presented the minutes of the University Commencement Committee meeting of December 4, 2013. Motion was made and seconded to accept the University Commencement Committee minutes of December 4, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Other Business**

### **Request for Posthumous Degree**

Erik Westman, Associate Dean of Engineering, moved approval of the posthumous awarding of the degree *Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering to Kevin McPhilips Tinley effective Spring 2014*. Dr. Westman indicated the request was based on the recommendation of the faculty of Mining Engineering, and supported by the College of Engineering. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Brunelli  
Office of the University Registrar