

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
September 22, 2014
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 PM

Present: J. Arthur; G. Chandler-Smith; C.; A. Dickow; L. Geyer; M. Hajj; S. Hirt; R. Holloway; A. Knoblauch; G. Long for Lay Nam Chang; A. Schoka; J. Sible; S. Sumner for Alan Grant; A. Smith; D. Smith; D. Stauffer; R. Stephens for E. Spiller; E. Westman for R. Benson; G. Yee; A. Zink-Sharp.

Absent with Notification: M. Finn; S. Martin (Chair), G. Kirk

Absent without Notification: C. Clarke; Z. Montgomery; T. Meyer; C. Schwing; R. Sumichrast

Visitors: J. Tyson; G. Costello; G. Kinder

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Gena Chandler-Smith, Acting 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

Gena Chandler-Smith announced the Sept. 8, 2014 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website http://www.registrar.vt.edu/documents/governance/2014-2015/CUSP_Minutes_Sept_8_2014_revised_Sept_16_2014_330PM.pdf

Old Business

Resolution 2014-15.A, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Criminology, in Bachelor of Science in Sociology*, Second Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2014-15.A, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Criminology, in Bachelor of Science in Sociology*. First effective date to declare major: Fall 2014. First effective date to graduate: Spring 2016.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2014-15.B, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Residential Environments and Design, in Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management*, Second Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2014-15.B, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Residential Environments and Design, in Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management*. First effective date to declare major: Spring 2015. First date to graduate: Spring 2015.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2014-15.C, *Resolution to Approve New Degree in Bachelor of Science in Systems Biology*, Second Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2014-15.C, *Resolution to Approve New Degree in Bachelor of Science in Systems Biology*. First effective date to declare degree: Fall 2015. First effective date to graduate: Spring 2016.

Dr. Long deferred to guest, John Tyson, to provide overview of degree program and answer questions.

Discussion occurred regarding the following topics:

- Concern that Organic Chemistry was not required for this program.
- Concerns raised over potential overlap of SYSB program to that of HNFE and other programs within CALS.
- Clarification as to whether ethics and societal issues will be part of the program.
- Concerns over double major in SYSB with BIOL.
- Reasoning as to why proposed as an undergraduate-level degree, rather than graduate-level.

Motion passed : 19 Yes, 1 Abstain, 0 No.

Resolution 2014-15.D, *Resolution to Discontinue Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Science, and Environment*, Second Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2014-15.D, *Resolution to Discontinue Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Science, and Environment*. Last effective date to graduate Fall 2017.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2014-15.E, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Literature and Language, in Bachelor of Arts in English*, First Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2014-15.E, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Literature and Language, in Bachelor of Arts in English*. First effective date to declare major: Spring 2015. First effective date to graduate: Spring 2016.

Dr. Stephens presented an overview of major program.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2014.

Resolution 2014-15.F, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Creative Writing, in Bachelor of Arts in English*, First Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2014-15.F, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Creative Writing, in Bachelor of Arts in English*. First effective date to declare major: Spring 2015. First effective date to graduate: Spring 2016.

Dr. Stephens presented an overview of major program.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2014.

Resolution 2014-15.G, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Professional and Technical Writing, in Bachelor of Arts in English*, First Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2014-15.G, *Resolution to Approve New Major, Professional and Technical Writing, in Bachelor of Arts in English*. First effective date to declare major: Spring 2015. First effective date to graduate: Spring 2016.

Dr. Stephens presented an overview of major program.

The second reading will take place at the next CUSP meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2014.

Reports and Minutes from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Gena Chandler-Smith announced the report of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of September 12, 2014 was approved electronically Sept. 19, 2014.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report of Sept. 12, 2014.

The motion passed unanimously.

UCC Report – September 12, 2014

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

Courses

New:

Spring 2015

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

FST 4414 Fermentation Process Technology and Instrumentation (CM-1817)

FST 4544 Distillation and Fermentation Analysis (CM-1827)

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

BC 2214 Why Buildings Stand Up (CM-1821)

BC 3114 Building Systems Technology (CM-1819)

BC 3134 (CNST 3134) Temporary Structures in Construction (CM-1820)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

COMM 3254 (PSCI 3254) Media and Politics (CM-1830)

Fall 2015

College of Agriculture and Life Science

FST 4644 Fermentation Microbiology (CM-1831)

FST 4654 Food and Beverage Fermentation (CM-1832)

Revised:

Spring 2015

College of Engineering

CS 4704 Software Engineering Capstone (CM-1826)

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

Degrees, Majors, Options, Minors

Majors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of new Major: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL)

- Major Option: Literature (LLCW)
- Major Option: Pre-Education (LLPE)
- Major Option: Pre-Law (LLPL)

First enrollment effective Fall 2014. First Term and Year of Graduation Spring 2016 (CM-1747)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL). Major Option: Literature (LLCW) (CM-1747)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL). Major Option: Pre-Education (LLPE) (CM-1747)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL). Major Option: Pre-Law (LLPL) (CM-1747)

Establishment of new Major: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Creative Writing (CW). First enrollment effective Fall 2014. First Term and Year of Graduation Spring 2016 (CM-1748)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Creative Writing (CW) (CM-1748)

Establishment of new Major: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Professional and Technical Writing (PTW). First enrollment effective Fall 2014. First Term and Year of Graduation Spring 2016 (CM-1750)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Professional and Technical Writing (PTW) (CM-1750)

Revised:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016

College of Engineering

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering (BSOE) with a Double Major in Aerospace Engineering (DOE) (CM-1822)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (BSAE) (CM-1823)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (BSAE) with a Double Major in Ocean Engineering (DAE) (CM-1824)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering (BSOE) (CM-1825)

Discontinued:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2015

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

Discontinue Bachelor of Arts; Major: English (ENGL); Option: Literature, Language and Culture; Track: Literature (LLCL) [upon approval of Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL). Major Option: Literature (LLCW)]. Last term and year for granting option Fall 2015 (CM-1747)

Discontinue Bachelor of Arts; Major: English (ENGL); Option: Literature, Language and Culture; Track: Pre-Education (LLCE) [upon approval of new major Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL). Major Option: Pre-Education (LLPE)]. Last term and year for granting option Fall 2015 (CM-1747)

Discontinue Bachelor of Arts; Major: English (ENGL); Option: Literature, Language and Culture; Track: Pre-Law (LLCP) [upon approval of new major Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL). Major Option: Pre-Law (LLPL)]. Last term and year for granting option Fall 2015 (CM-1747)

Discontinue Bachelor of Arts; Major: English (ENGL); Option: Literature, Language, and Culture; Track: Cultural Studies (LLCC) [upon approval of new major Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Literature and Language (LL)]. Last term and year for granting option Fall 2015 (CM-1747)

Discontinue Bachelor of Arts; Major: English (ENGL); Option: Creative Writing (CRWR) [upon approval of Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Creative Writing (CW)]. Last term and year for granting option Fall 2015 (CM-1748)

Discontinue Bachelor of Arts; Major: English (ENGL); Option Professional Writing (PRWR) [upon approval of new major Bachelor of Arts in English (BAENG), Major in Professional and Technical Writing (PTW)]. Last term and year for granting option Fall 2015 (CM-1750)

Minors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of new Minor: Professional and Technical Writing (PTW). First enrollment effective Fall 2014. First Term and Year of Graduation Spring 2016 (CM-1818)

Checksheet: Minor in Professional and Technical Writing (PTW) (CM-1818)

Establishment of new Minor: Literature (LIT). First enrollment effective Fall 2014. First Term and Year of Graduation Spring 2016 (CM-1749)

Checksheet: Minor in Literature (LIT) (CM-1749)

Discontinued:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2015

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Discontinue Minor: Professional Writing (PENG) [upon approval of new Minor: Professional and Technical Writing (PTW)]. Last term and year for granting minor Fall 2015 (CM-1818)

Discontinue Minor: English-Literature, Language, and Culture (LENG) [upon approval of new Minor: Literature (LIT)]. Last term and year for granting minor Fall 2015 (CM-1749)

University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education

Robert Stephens presented the minutes of the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education meeting of Sept. 3, 2014. Motion was made and seconded to accept the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education minutes of Sept. 3, 2014. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Other Business

Gena Chandler-Smith presented that a resolution from Faculty Senate will be included as agenda item and resource, for the Oct. 13, 2014 CUSP meeting, that outlines concern related to the proposed changes to the Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE). Gena Chandler-Smith read the draft resolution.

Subsequent discussion included:

- Clarification was given by Rachel Holloway that UCCLE is considering all input and points raised by university constituents, and is currently drafting the formal governance document.
- Clarification was provided by Faculty Senate members of CUSP that resolution was drafted as means of communicating concerns.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Kinder
Office of the University Registrar