

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
October 12, 2015
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00PM.

Present: G. Chandler-Smith (Chair); R. Ashton; J. Baker; C. Boone for R. Benson; J. Brozovsky; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; M. Finn; L. Geyer; M. Hajj; B. Hila; R. Holloway; G. Jones; A. M. Knoblauch; G. Long for Lay Nam Chang; S. Martin; C. Mitchell; A. Myers-Burton; A. Niemiera for Alan Grant; K. Rawlings; J. Sible; D. Smith; R. Stephens for E. Spiller; H. Thomas; G. Yee; A. Zink-Sharp.

Absent with Notification: Z. Montgomery

Absent without Notification: C. Clarke; S. Hirt; E. Wiseman

Visitors: J. Orr; G. Costello; G. Kinder; I. Van Pelt; P. Miller; H. Sontheimer; C. Franklin; R. Cabayan

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by Gena Chandler-Smith, 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. 28, 2015 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:

http://www.registrar.vt.edu/documents/governance/2015-2016/CUSP_Sept_28_2015_MINUTES.pdf

As a point of information, Chair G. Chandler-Smith shared that Faculty Senate Resolution on Shared Governance was tabled by the Commission on Faculty Affairs (CFA) to allow for further discussions at several university commissions. Office of the University Registrar has contacted the CFA Chair to schedule a time for CFA representative to meet with the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies.

Old Business

Resolution 2015-16A, *Resolution to Adopt a New Undergraduate Honor Code*, Second Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading *Resolution 2015-16A, Resolution to Adopt a New Undergraduate Honor Code*. Effective date: Fall 2016. Second reading of resolution was waived.

Chair G. Chandler-Smith opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2015-16A.

Discussion and clarification topics included:

- Faculty representative to Commission asked for clarification that University Legal Council had reviewed the changes in Honor Code. Representatives from Honor System confirmed that University Legal Council had reviewed and approved.
- Student representative to Commission asked for clarification regarding self-plagiarism and plans for student education, in this area. Honor System representatives believe the new policy/manual provides greater clarity and definition for students.
- Faculty representative to Commission stressed the importance of educating faculty on the new procedures.
- Student representative to Commission asked for clarification regarding the “statute of limitations” for a student who is no longer enrolled and may have already received a degree. Honor System representatives clarified that their office can adjudicate a case, regardless of associated timeline, but any impact on degree is an issue for Provost and Board of Visitors to consider.

Hearing no further questions/discussion, Chair G. Chandler-Smith asked if the commission was ready to call the question.

Motion was moved and seconded, to **APPROVE** Resolution 2015-16.A, *Resolution to Adopt a New Undergraduate Honor Code*.

Motion to APPROVE passed: Yes: (22), No: (3), Abstain: (0).

The Resolution 2015-16.A will be sent forward for consideration by University Council.

Resolution **2015-16.D**, Resolution for the *Establishment of a School of Neuroscience at Virginia Tech*, Second Reading

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2015-16.D, Resolution for the *Establishment of a School of Neuroscience at Virginia Tech*. Second reading of resolution was waived.

Chair G. Chandler-Smith opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2015-16.D.

Hearing no questions/discussion, Chair G. Chandler-Smith asked if the commission was ready to call the question.

Motion was moved and seconded, to **APPROVE** Resolution 2015-16.D, Resolution for the *Establishment of a School of Neuroscience at Virginia Tech*.

Motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Minutes from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Academic Support Committee**

No Report

- **Academic Policies Committee**

No Report

- **Athletic Committee**

No Report

- **Commencement Committee**

C. Clemenz reported that the committee recently met and that minutes would be forthcoming. She also shared the announcement that in May 2016 the Graduate School Commencement Ceremony will occur on Thursday afternoon, the week of Commencement Ceremonies.

- **Honors System Review Board**

No Report.

- **Library Committee**

M. Finn reported that no minutes are yet available, but that Library Committee has met and is investigating a lack-of-study space issue.

- **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

S. Martin announced the UCC meeting of Oct. 9th was postponed to Oct. 16th, due to a lack of quorum for that meeting. S. Martin announced the report of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of September 25, 2015 was approved electronically Oct. 6, 2015.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report of Sept. 25, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

UCC Report- Sept. 25,2015

For “First and Second Reading”

Unanimous Approval

Courses

New:

Spring 2016

College of Science

BIOL 1135-1136 Phage Hunters (CM-2325)

BIOL 3514 Introduction to Histology (CM-2308)

GEOS 4234 Vertebrate Evolution (CM-2329)

Pamplin College of Business

BIT 4424 Business Information Visualization and Analytics (CM-2320)

Fall 2016

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies (CM-2281)

IS 2084 (PSCI 2084) Theoretical Approaches to Global Order (CM-2282)

IS 3104 (PSCI 3104) Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (CM-2283)

IS 3125-2126 (PSCI 3125-3126) Intelligence and National Security (CM-2250)

IS 3134 (PSCI 3134) Global Conflict and War (CM-2284)

IS 3135-3136 (PSCI 3135-3136) Strategies of Modern Warfare (CM-2285)

IS 3735-3736 (PSCI 3735-3736) National Security Policies (CM-2251)

IS 4024 (PSCI 4024) Seminar in Diplomacy and Security (CM-2286)

For “First and Second Reading” Unanimous Approval

Degrees, Majors, Options, Minors

Minors

New:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of new Minor: Japanese Studies (JPNS). First effective date to declare minor: Fall 2015; First Term and Year of Graduation: Spring 2016

(CM-2287)

Checksheet: Minor in Japanese Studies (JPNS) (CM-2287)

Establishment of new Minor: Chinese Studies (CHNS). First effective date to declare minor: Fall 2015; First Term and Year of Graduation: Spring 2016 (CM-2288)

Checksheet: Minor in Chinese Studies (CHNS) (CM-2288)

- **Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

H. Thomas reported that the University Majors Fair, held Wed. Sept. 30, 2015, in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom, had over 1,000 students in attendance.

- **University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education**

No Report.

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

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

K. Rawlings reported that CAPFA first meeting will occur Wed. Oct. 14, 2015.

- **Staff Senate**

Has not met.

- **Faculty Senate**

J. Baker reported that Faculty Senate met Sept. 29th where discussion was held regarding the Honor Code revisions, along with implementation and timeline discussion on the forthcoming Pathways implementation.

- **Student Government Association**

No Report.

- **Graduate Student Assembly**

No Report.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Kinder

Office of the University Registrar