

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
November 7, 2016
230 Student Services Building, 3:00 PM

PRESENT: D. Stauffer (Chair); K. Albright; J. Baker; C. Boone for D. Taylor; J. Brozovsky; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; K. Gilbertson for M. Finn; K. Gresham; M. Hajj; T. Hammett; R. Holloway; R. Jacks; A.M. Knoblauch; G. Long for S. Morton; A. Pope; K. Redican for C. Clarke; C. Rittenhouse; J. Sible; R. Stephens for E. Spiller; S. Sumner for A. Grant; L. Zietsman; A. Zink-Sharp

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: G. Chandler-Smith; L. Geyer; M. Kasarda; K. Rawlings

VISITORS: K. Ausman; J. Clevenger; C. Minford; R. Sparks; A. Wade; G. Costello; G. Kinder; J. Sanders

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Dean Stauffer, Chair.

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 24, 2016 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/2016-2017/cusp1617oct24/MINUTES-CUSP-October-24-16_FINAL.pdf

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-17.E, *Resolution to Discontinue Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business*, **First Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2016-17.E, *Resolution to Discontinue Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business*.

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2016-17.E.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following items:

- G. Long indicated that the College of Science fully supports this resolution and outlined the College of Science's proposed plans for the future of the major in Economics at Virginia Tech. These plans include:

- A future proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Economics
- A future proposal to develop tracks within the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Economics

Resolution 2016-17.E has been forwarded to Faculty Senate for comment. Following the Faculty Senate review and response, the second reading of Resolution 2016-17.E will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

R. Stephens reported that the Academic Support Committee met on October 26, 2016. At their meeting, the Committee discussed the Labor Day holiday and the resulting impact on the Spring Semester Academic Calendar.

University Registrar R. Sparks clarified that existing University Policy requires that the Fall and Spring Semesters have the same number of instructional days.

The Academic Support Committee will be sending a survey to faculty, students, and staff to solicit feedback on the instructional date to be removed from the Academic Calendar to accommodate the Labor Day closure.

Academic Policies Committee

C. Boone reported for B. Watford that the Academic Policies Committee would meet on November 14.

Athletic Committee

No Report.

Commencement Committee

No Report.

Honor System Review Board

C. Rittenhouse reported that the Honor System Review Board has provided a large number of faculty and classroom training sessions on the new Honor Code. The Board has also been working to train delegates to provide more of these educational sessions.

C. Rittenhouse also reported that the Honor System has held 8 hearing panels for students and that 4 appeals have been filed by students in Fall 2016.

Library Committee

No Report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

D. Stauffer announced for M. Kasarda that the minutes of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting of October 28, 2016 were approved electronically on November 3, 2016. The motion was made and seconded to approve the October 28, 2016 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

COURSES

New:

Spring 2017

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

AAEC 4414 Applied Economic Problem-Solving (CM-2962)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

EDCI 4024 Humanizing the K-12 Classroom (CM-2968)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

GEOG 3234 Geography of Virginia (CM-3005)

GEOG 4134 Water, Hazards, and Development (CM-3009)

Fall 2017

College of Science

BIOL 2134 Cell Function and Differentiation (CM-2970)

ISC 1224 Differential and Integral Calculus for the Integrated Science Curriculum
(CM-2971)

Revised:

Spring 2017

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FIW 4454 Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution (CM-3007)

FREC 3364 Environmental Silviculture (CM-3006)

College of Science

PSYC 4034 Special Topics in Developmental Psychology (CM-2969)

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

DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS,
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Majors

Discontinue:

Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2022

Pamplin College of Business

Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS), Major: Economics (ECON); Last
Term and Year to Graduate: Spring 2022 (CM-2991)

Undergraduate Studies and Policies

No Report.

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

L. Zietsman presented the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No Report.

Staff Senate

No Report.

Faculty Senate

No Report.

Student Government Association

A Pope reported that the Student Government Association is currently working with the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life on a smoke-free campus initiative. SGA is currently in the process of drafting a petition to send to the student body and asked for the Commission's help in distributing this to any student constituencies.

Graduate Student Assembly

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Justin D. Sanders, Office of the University Registrar*