

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
December 10, 2012
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 p.m.

Present: D. Zahm (Chair); V. Fowler; G. Long for Lay Nam Chang; B. Watford for R. Benson; A. Scripa; A. Pasquariello; D. Smith; D. Stauffer; J. Rankin; C. Clemenz for R. Sorenson; S. Sumner for A. Grant; D. Thorp; R. Panneton; J. Browder; B. Ashley; R. Holloway; P. Peterson for Y. Stivachtis; A. Zink-Sharp; Anna Hawthorne

Absent without Notification: G. Schurig; D. Kendrick; J. Arthur; K. Lukish; A. Hager; S. Taheri; M. Denbow; G. Kirk; J. Arthur

Visitors: G. Costello; W. Ashton; J. Belcher

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Diane Zahm, 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

Diane Zahm announced the November 12, 2012 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website.

http://www.registrar.vt.edu/governance/dates-materials/CUSP_2012-2013/index.html

New Business

Resolution 2012-13.F "*Resolution to Discontinue the B. A. Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies*", First Reading

Rachel Holloway, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, moved for approval of Resolution 2012-13.F, "*Resolution to Discontinue the B. A. Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies*", effective Spring 2013, for first reading. Motion was seconded and approved.

It was noted that the Resolution does not need to reference the replacement of another degree. The Resolution needs to be rephrased to use more proactive language that reflects the department's mission.

A revised Resolution will be presented to the Commission for second reading which will take place Monday, February 11, 2013.

W Grade Policy

Rachel Holloway, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, led the discussion of the W Grade Policy by presenting to the Commission the findings from the Academic Policy Committee.

The Commission's recommendations to the Academic Policy Committee for further review are:

1. Due to the variability of hours between courses, stipulate a number of courses that the policy can be applied to rather than a number of hours. The Commission recommends three courses.
2. To be able to utilize the policy retroactively. It was suggested to require a deadline.
3. Do not stipulate a grade requirement in order to take advantage of the policy.

Reports and Minutes from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

Academic Policy Committee

Rachel Holloway presented the minutes of the Academic Policy Committee meetings of October 10, October 24, and November 6, 2012. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Academic Policy Committee minutes of October 10, October 24, and November 6, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

Audrey Zink-Sharp presented the reports of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meetings of November 16 and November 30, 2012. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula reports of November 16 and November 30, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

CUC Report November 16, 2012

For "First Reading"

Non-Unanimous Approval

Courses

Revised:

Fall 2014

College of Engineering

ECE 4514 – Digital Design II (CM-938)

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

Courses

New:

Spring 2013

College of Engineering

ENGR/COS 4064 – Scieneering Capstone (CM-933)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

COMM 4324 – Issues in Health Communication (CM-909)

COMM 4314 – Communication and Issues of Diversity (CM-932)

PSVP 4104 – Global Society, Violence and the Prospects for Peace (CM-874)

SOC/PSVP 4444 – Schools, Violence, and Justice (CM-947)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FOR 2004 – Forest Ecosystems (CM-919)

Fall 2013

College of Engineering

ECE 3544 – Digital Design I (CM-937)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

SBIO/CNST 4314 – Design of Wood Structures (CM-918)

College of Science

BIOL 3104 – Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory (CM-941)

PHYS 2404 – Physics Outreach (CM-917)

Revised:

Spring 2013

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

COMM 3144 – Writing and Editing for Public Relations (CM-934)

Majors, Minors, Options

Majors, Degree Requirements

Revised:

Students Graduating Calendar Year 2015

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science,
Option: Water Science and Quality (CM-927)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science,
Option: Land, Water, and Air (CM-928)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science,
Option: Land Restoration and Management (CM-929)

Discontinuation:

Effective Spring 2015

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, Discontinuation
of Option: Plant Resources (CM-935)

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For “Second Reading”
Non-Unanimous Approval**

Courses

Revised:

Fall 2014

College of Engineering

ECE 4514 – Digital Design II (CM-938)

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

Courses

New:

Spring 2013

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

ART 1004 – Topics in Studio Art for Non-Majors (CM-950)

ART 2565-2566 – Typography (CM-951)

University Athletic Committee

Bev Watford presented the minutes of the University Athletic Committee meeting of October 16, 2012. Motion was made and seconded to approve the University Athletic Committee minutes of October 16, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

University Commencement Committee

Candi Clemenz presented the minutes of the University Commencement Committee meetings of October 3 and November 7, 2012. Motion was made and seconded to approve the University Commencement Committee minutes of October 3 and November 7, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education

Dan Thorpe presented the minutes and report of the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education meeting of November 7, 2012. Motion was made and seconded to

approve the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education minutes and report of November 7, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Report
University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education
November 7, 2012

For Second Reading:

SOC 2034 – Approved for CLE Area 3: Society and Human Behavior
Effective: Spring 2013

Other Business

College of Engineering Request for Posthumous Degree

This item will be revisited at a future meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Belcher
Office of the University Registrar