

MINUTES

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

April 30, 2025

2:30 pm

Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/84229621673>

Present: Aaron Ansell (presiding), Angela Anderson, Stephen Biscotte, Dan Folescu, Aaron Goldstein, Mike Gordon, Molly Hall, Phil Olson, Annie Ronan, Nasim Schwab, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Vincent Wang, Travis Webster, Sparkle Williams, Jason Malone

Absent with Notice: Kelly Cobourn, Marian Mollin

Absent: Corinne Guimont, Janet Hilder, Paul Deck, Modiu Olaguro, Emmanuel Benitez

Guests: Jenni Gallagher, Meghan Madel, Rachel Pitcher, Jessica Thompson

A. Ansell called the meeting to order at 2:30. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 2, 2025.

A. Ansell noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu.

3. Unfinished Business – Aaron Ansell

A. Special Study Proposal Reviews

J. Thompson attended the meeting to answer questions and provide further documentation for MATH 1984: Math in Our World. The committee voted to approve for concept 5f (Quantitative and Computational Thinking)

Vote Count: 12 yes, 2 abstentions

B. Recertification Resolution

Resolution to Implement a Recertification Process for Pathways Courses – A motion was made to approve and move forward with the resolution as written. The resolution did not pass.

Vote Count: 5 yes, 10 no

Resolution to Remove Pathways Designation for Courses Not Serving Pathways -

A motion was made to table the discussion on Resolution to until the fall of 2025. This motion passed.

Vote Count: 12 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions

3. New Business – Aaron Ansell

A. Study Abroad Course Proposal Review

The committee approved ARBC 3954: VT-Dubai: Intercultural Understanding and Competency in the Arab World for Concept 3 (Critical Thinking in the Social Sciences)

Vote Count: 12 yes, 2 abstentions

B. Pathways Decertifications Update

Rachel Pitcher provided an update to the committee on the process from the Registrar's office on Pathways decertifications.

C. Pathways Decertifications

The following courses will be removed from Pathways entirely.

Removed from Pathways

- ECON 3054: Introduction to Forecasting
- PSCI 3015: Political Theory
- PSCI 3016: Political Theory

4. Subcommittee Reports

Due to time, there were no subcommittee reports.

5. Adjournment – Aaron Ansell

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:48pm.

Minutes compiled by Meghan Madel