

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
FEBRUARY 8, 2021
VIA ZOOM, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by P. Deck, Chair. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

PRESENT: P. Deck (Chair); K. Albright; S. Corcoran; K. Goyne; S. Sumner for A. Grant; H. Gumbert; R. Holloway; A. Johnson; S. Johnson; L. McClaskey for C. Treanor; M. Pleimling for S. Morton; K. Redican; J. Sible; D. Stauffer for E. Wiseman; S. Tatum; K. Thompson; D. Thorp; S. Vicente

ABSENT: J. Bennett; D. Chowen; A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; H. Hahn; L. Khansa; L. Learman; A. Litchford; J. Paul; C. Wood

VISITORS: N. Akers; G. Costello; M. Kimbrell; A. Myers; B. Smith; R. Sparks; Y. Stivachtis; A. Taylor; B. Tracy

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

P. Deck announced that the January 25, 2021 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:

https://www.registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2020-2021/1-25/minutes_cusp_1_25_21.pdf

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2020-2021E *Resolution to Approve New Major, Ecological Restoration, in Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, Second Reading*

P. Deck presented for second reading Resolution 2020-2021E *Resolution to Approve New Major, Ecological Restoration, in Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science*.

P. Deck opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2020-2021E.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2020-2021E. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2020-2021F *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Plant Science with New Majors: Crop and Soil Sciences, Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science, Plant Science, and Environmental Horticulture; and to Discontinue Degrees: Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Horticulture,*
Second Reading

P. Deck presented for second reading Resolution 2020-2021F *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Plant Science with New Majors: Crop and Soil Sciences, Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science, Plant Science, and Environmental Horticulture; and to Discontinue Degrees: Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Horticulture.*

P. Deck opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2020-2021F.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2020-2021F. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2020-2021G *Resolution to Approve New Major, EUropean & Transatlantic Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies,* **First Reading**

P. Deck presented for first reading Resolution 2020-2021G *Resolution to Approve New Major, EUropean & Transatlantic Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies.*

P. Deck opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2020-2021G.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- D. Thorp and Y. Stivachtis provided background information regarding the new Major including the affiliation with the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence and the expansion of European studies to include non-EU member states as well as the relationship with North America.
- Addressed questions relating to recruitment, potential overlap with the International Studies Major, and travel and study abroad requirements.

Resolution 2020-2021G will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2020-2021G will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

K. Goyne presented the December 11, 2020 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 11, 2020 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Athletics Committee

H. Gumbert presented the December 17, 2020 minutes of the Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 17, 2020 minutes of the Athletics Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commencement Committee

No report.

Honor Council

No report.

Library Committee

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

S. Corcoran presented the report of the January 22, 2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 22, 2021 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—JANUARY 22, 2021

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

COURSES

New:

Summer 2021

College of Engineering

CEE 4034 Smart Sustainable Infrastructure (CM-6356)

New:

Fall 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

SPES 1004 First Year Seminar (CM-6199)

College of Engineering

BSE 4324 Applied Fluvial Geomorphology (CM-6132)

ECE 3564 Introduction to Computer Networking (CM-6357)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

TA 2164 Scene Design Lab (CM-6159)

TA 2174 Costume Design Lab (CM-6160)

FMD 4134 Fashion E-Tailing (CM-6314)

TA 3104 Sound Technology Topics (CM-6318)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FREC 4004 (NR 4004) Professional Skills in Natural Resources (CM-6364)

College of Science

SYSB 4114 Applied Models of Gene Regulatory Networks (CM-6154)

ECON 3314 Middle East Economics (CM-6307)

Pamplin College of Business

MKTG 3164 Introduction to Digital Marketing Strategy (CM-6247)

Revised:

Fall 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

DASC 3474 Dairy Information Systems (CM-6252)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

PM 4684 Leasing Commercial Properties (CM-6071)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

SBIO 3464 Sustainable Operations Management (CM-6352)

Pamplin College of Business

ACIS 2504 Introduction to Accounting Analytics (CM-6258)

Discontinue:

Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

TA 2135, 2136 Theatre Design Lab (CM-6159) and (CM-6160)

DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS

Degree:

New:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Establishment of New Degree: Bachelor of Science in Plant Science (BSPLS), Major: Plant Science (PLSC), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; first term and year to graduate: Spring 2025 (CM-6140)

Degree:

Discontinue:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Discontinue Degree: Bachelor of Science, Major: Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences (CSS); last term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; last term and year to graduate: Spring 2026 (CM-6141)

Discontinue Degree: Bachelor of Science in Horticulture (BSHRT), Major: Environmental Horticulture (EHRT); last term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; last term and year to graduate: Spring 2026 (CM-6142)

Major:

New:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Establishment of New Major: Ecological Restoration (ER) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (BSEN), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Spring 2021; first term and year to graduate: Spring 2022 (CM-6063)

Establishment of New Major: Crop and Soil Sciences (CSSC), under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Plant Science (BSPLS), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; first term and year to graduate: Spring 2025 (CM-6140)

Establishment of New Major: Environmental Horticulture (EVHT), under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Plant Science (BSPLS), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; first term and year to graduate: Spring 2025 (CM-6140)

Establishment of New Major: Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science (LTS), under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Plant Science (BSPLS), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; first term and year to graduate: Spring 2025 (CM-6140)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of New Major: EUropean & Transatlantic Studies (EUTS), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; first term and year to graduate: Spring 2023 (CM-6151)

Major:

Revised:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Engineering

Revised Major: Civil Engineering (CE) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (BSCE), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-6385)

Major:

Discontinue:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Discontinue Major: Landscape Horticulture and Design (LCON), under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Horticulture (BSHRT); last term to enroll: Fall 2021, last term to graduate: Spring 2026 (CM-6142)

Major Concentration/Option:**Discontinue:****Effective Catalog 2021-2022****College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Discontinue Major Concentration/Option: Agronomy (AGRO), Major: Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences (CSS); last term to enroll: Fall 2021; last term to graduate: Spring 2026 (CM-6141)

Discontinue Major Concentration/Option: Crop Genetics & Breeding (CRGB), Major: Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences (CSS); last term to enroll: Fall 2021; last term to graduate: Spring 2026 (CM-6141)

Discontinue Major Concentration/Option: International Agriculture (INAG), Major: Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences (CSS); last term to enroll: Fall 2021; last term to graduate: Spring 2026 (CM-6141)

Discontinue Major Concentration/Option: Turfgrass Management (TURF), Major: Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences (CSS); last term to enroll: Fall 2021; last term to graduate: Spring 2026 (CM-6141)

Minor:**New:****Effective Catalog 2021-2022****College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Establishment of New Minor: EUropean Studies (EUST), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Fall 2021; first term and year to graduate: Spring 2022 (CM-6152)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

Establishment of New Minor: Wildland Fire Ecology (WLFE), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2021; first term and year to graduate: Fall 2021 (CM-6379)

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee

J. Sible presented the report of the January 27, 2021 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 27, 2021 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—

JANUARY 27, 2021

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

COURSES

New:

CLE Fall 2021/Pathways Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

HIST 2134: The Revolution Will Be Televised: Topics in History on TV (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States G07, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6360)

Revised:

CLE Summer I 2021/Pathways Summer I 2021

Pamplin College of Business

MGT 2354: Teams, Leadership, and Business: Cultivating Excellence (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6366)

CLE Fall 2021/Pathways Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

GER 3305, 3306: Topics in German Culture and Literature (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6319)

PSCI 3344 (UAP 3344): Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (CLE Area 7, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) CLE Fall 2021/Pathways Fall 2021 (CM 6090)

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No report.

Staff Senate

No report.

Faculty Senate

No report.

Student Government Association

No report.

Graduate Student Assembly

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Request for Posthumous Degree:

K. Thompson, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering, moved approval of the posthumous awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, Major in Aerospace Engineering, to Broderick Keenan Fisher, effective Spring 2021. Dr. Thompson indicated that the request was based on the recommendation of the faculty of the Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering and the support of the College of Engineering.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Nominations/Review of CUSP Sub-Committee Chairs and Representatives
For Academic Year 2020-2021**

The following individuals accepted nominations to serve as Chairs and Representatives of CUSP Sub-Committees for Academic Year 2020-2021:

- Representative for University Curriculum Committee for General Education –
 - Commission will revisit at the February 22 CUSP meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Becki Smith, Office of the University Registrar*