

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
MARCH 22, 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; A. Atiq; K. Goynes; S. Sumner for A. Grant; R. Holloway; A. Johnson; L. Khansa; M. Pleimling for S. Morton; K. Redican; J. Sible; D. Stauffer for E. Wiseman; S. Tatum; K. Thompson; D. Thorp; C. Treanor

ABSENT: J. Bennett; D. Chowen; S. Corcoran; A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; H. Gumbert; H. Hahn; S. Johnson; L. Learman; A. Litchford; J. Paul; S. Vicente; C. Wood

VISITORS: D. Cannon; G. Costello; C. Hancock; M. Kimbrell; D. Musick; B. Smith; R. Sparks

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 February 22, 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/2020-2021/2-22/minutes_cusp_2_22_21.pdf

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2020-2021H *Resolution to Approve New Major, Advertising, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Second Reading*

P. Deck presented for second reading Resolution 2020-2021H *Resolution to Approve New Major, Advertising, in Bachelor of Arts in Communication.*

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

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2020-2021I *Resolution to Discontinue Major, Family and Consumer Sciences, in Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, Second Reading*

P. Deck presented for second reading Resolution 2020-2021I *Resolution to Discontinue Major, Family and Consumer Sciences, in Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management.*

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- C. Hancock addressed SGA comments and clarified that a teach-out plan is included in the proposal for the discontinuation of the Major.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2020-2021J *Resolution to Establish Readmission Policy for Undergraduate Students, First Reading*

P. Deck presented for first reading Resolution 2020-2021J *Resolution to Establish Readmission Policy for Undergraduate Students.*

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- Commission members discussed several topics within the policy which included how to address the possibility that students will return before the leave of absence period has ended, process around student conduct and academic suspensions, language pertaining to deadlines, readmission to restricted majors, and how implementation of the policy will be carried out.
- R. Holloway noted that the policy will allow for better administrative resources to ensure returning students have access to advising services and other university resources that will aid in a higher success rate and path to graduation.
- Commission members recommended editorial changes for better clarification of the policy.

Resolution 2020-2021J will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2020-2021J 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 January 22, 2021, February 5, 2021 and February 19, 2021 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 22, 2021, February 5, 2021 and February 19, 2021 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Athletics Committee

R. Holloway presented on behalf of H. Gumbert the January 21, 2021 and February 11, 2021 minutes of the University Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 21, 2021 and February 11, 2021 minutes of the University Athletics Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commencement Committee

No report.

Honor Council

No report.

Library Committee

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

P. Deck presented on behalf of S. Corcoran the report of the February 26, 2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to

approve the February 26, 2021 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—FEBRUARY 26, 2021

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

COURSES

New:

Summer 2021

College of Science

GEOS 4944 Study Abroad Topics in Geosciences (CM-6409)

New:

Fall 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

CSES 4064 Soil Microbiology (CM-6459)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

GEOG 2224 (IS 2224) (PSCI 2224) Geography of Europe (CM-6405)

GEOG 3844 (IS 3844) (PSCI 3844) European Geopolitics (CM-6406)

College of Science

GEOS 4314 Coastal Hazards (CM-6410)

COS 1004 Explore Science Seminar (CM-6458)

Pamplin College of Business

FIN 3114 Python/SQL for Data Analytics and Finance (CM-6487)

Discontinue:

Fall 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

HORT 4064 Soil Microbiology (CM-6459)

New:

Spring 2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

BCHM 1024 Introductory Experience in Biochemistry Research Skills (CM-6460)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FREC 4244 (WATR 4244) Hydroinformatics (CM-6465)

GEOG 4574 Climate Data Analysis and Programming (CM-6489)

DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS

Major:

Revised:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Engineering

Revised Major: Ocean Engineering (OE) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering (BSAOE), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-6397)

Revised Major: Aerospace Engineering (AE) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering (BSAOE), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-6398)

Revised Major: Biomedical Engineering (BMES) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (BSBME), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-6525)

Minor:

Revised:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Revised Minor: Asian Studies (ASIA), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-6498)

Revised Minor: History (HIST), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-6499)

Revised Minor: War and Society (WAS), effective for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-6500)

Minor:

Revised/Rename:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Revised/Rename Minor: Residential Environments (RENV), 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: Winter 2022 (CM-6474)

Minor:

Discontinue:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Discontinue Minor Name: Housing (HSNG), last term and year to graduate: Fall 2022 (CM-6474)

Major Concentration/Option:

New:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Science

Establishment of New Major Concentration/Option: Biomedical (MICM) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Microbiology (BSMIC), Major: Microbiology (MICB), 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: Winter 2022 (CM-6440)

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

J. Sible presented the minutes of the March 3, 2021 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2021 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee

J. Sible presented the report of the February 24, 2021 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 24, 2021 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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

COURSES

New:

CLE Fall 2021/Pathways Fall 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

LDRS 1414: Citizen Leadership (CLE Areas 3 and 7, Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6271)

LDRS 1424: Citizen Leadership Praxis (CLE Areas 3 and 7, Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6270)

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

ARCH 2114 (UAP 2114): Sustainable by Design (CLE Areas 2 and 3, Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts G06d, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6033)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

PHIL 2314: Philosophy of Sex, Gender, and Race (CLE Areas 2 and 3, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the US G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6484)

SOC 3404: Environmental Justice (CLE Areas 3 and 7, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the US G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6483)

Pathways Fall 2021

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

ART 2434: Introduction to Creative Code (Pathways Foundational Quantitative and Computational Thinking G05f, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6391)

Revised:

Pathways Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

PHIL 4214: Metaphysics (Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6401)

Discontinued:

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

LDRS 1015-1016: Exploring Citizen Leadership, Effective Fall 2021 (CM 6270) and (CM 6271)

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:

For Information Purposes: CGPSP Resolution 2020-2021E *Resolution to Rename the Department of Interprofessionalism to the Department of Healthcare Innovation and Implementation Science*

D. Musick provided background and reasons for the name change which included the need to align with the academic programs and updated curriculum in the department, reflect an emphasis on the study of health systems science, and allow for future expansion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 PM.

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