

MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES  
February 9, 2015  
230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 PM

Present: J. Arthur; C. Clemenz for R. Sumichrast; A. Dickow; J. Doyle for M. Finn; V. Fowler for G. Chandler-Smith; S. Hirt; R. Holloway; A.M. Knoblauch; G. Long for L.N. Chang; S. Martin (Chair); A. Myers-Burton for B. Martin; Z. Montgomery; A. Schoka; R. Shifler; J. Sible; D. Smith; D. Stauffer; R. Stephens for E. Spiller; S. Sumner for Alan Grant; D. Tewari; E. Westman for R. Benson; G. Yee

Absent with Notification: M. Hajj; A. Zink-Sharp

Absent without Notification: C. Clarke; L. Geyer; G. Kirk; T. Meyer; C. Schwing

Visitors: W. Ashton; S. Biscotte; G. Costello; W. Hankins Dean; G. Kinder; M.A. Lewis; J. Orr, Jr.

**Call to Order and Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Stephen Martin, Chair.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

**Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.**

**Announcement of Approval and Posting of Minutes**

Stephen Martin announced the Jan. 26, 2015 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:

[http://www.registrar.vt.edu/documents/governance/2015-2016/CUSP\\_Minutes\\_January\\_26\\_2015\\_Meeting\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.registrar.vt.edu/documents/governance/2015-2016/CUSP_Minutes_January_26_2015_Meeting_FINAL.pdf)

**Reports and Minutes from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees**

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

V. Fowler, for G. Chandler-Smith, announced the report of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Jan. 30, 2015 was approved electronically Feb. 5, 2015.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report of Jan. 30, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**UCC Report – January 30, 2015**

**For “First Reading”  
Non-Unanimous Approval**

**Courses**

**New:**

**Summer I 2015**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

CRIM 3434 Systems of Justice (CM-1935)

**Fall 2015**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

ENGL 1004 Introduction to English Studies (CM-1937)

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

**Courses**

**New:**

**Fall 2015**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

AT 0524 Whole Farm Planning (CM-1945)

CSES 4174 Soil Evaluation & Sampling (CM-1427)

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

COMM 1004 First-Semester Experience in Communication (CM-1933)

COMM 4414 Public Relations Standards and Practices (CM-1934)

ENGL 3694 Topics in World Novels (CM-1939)

ENGL 4434 The American Novel (CM-1940)

ENGL 4444 The British Novel (CM-1941)

**Revised:**

**Fall 2015**

**College of Engineering**

ESM 4114 Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos (CM-1920)

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

ENGL 3644 The Postcolonial Novel (CM-1938)

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

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| <b>Degrees, Majors, Options, Minors</b> |
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**Minors**

**New:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016**

**Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Establishment of new Minor: Italian (ITAL). First effective date to declare minor: Spring 2015; First Term and Year of Graduation: Spring 2016 (CM-1936)

Checksheet: Minor in Italian (ITAL) (CM-1936)

**Options**

**Discontinued:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2016**

**College of Science**

Discontinue Bachelor of Science; Major: Biological Sciences (BIOL); Option: Microbiology/Immunology (MICR). Last term and year to enroll: Fall 2015; Last term and year to graduate: Fall 2016 (CM-1942)

## **University Commencement Committee**

Candice Clemenz presented the minutes of the University Commencement Committee meeting of Dec. 3, 2014. Motion was made and seconded to accept the University Commencement Committee minutes of Dec. 3, 2014.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)**

Robert Stephens presented the minutes of the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education meeting of May 7, 2014. Motion was made and seconded to accept the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education minutes of May 7, 2014.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Robert Stephens presented the report of the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education of May 7, 2014. Motion was made and seconded to approve the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education report of May 7, 2014.

At the prompting of question raised by College of Science as to the reason behind delay of UCCLE Minutes and Report of May 7, 2014, Chair Martin clarified that minutes and report were being presented before CUSP to address an oversight resulting from the meeting minutes and report completion following the final Spring 2014 CUSP meeting on April 24, 2014.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Report University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education May 7, 2014**

For Approval:

PHIL 3414: Aesthetics (Area 6): Effective as of Fall 2014  
PSYC 1004: Introductory Psychology: renumbered from 2004 to 1004 (Area 3): Effective as of Fall 2014

For Withdrawal:

HUM 2204: Humanities and the Arts: The Creative Process: Effective as of Fall 2014

## **Other Business**

### **Presentation of University Undergraduate Honor System**

James Orr, Jr., Director of the University Undergraduate Honor System, presented an overview of the Undergraduate Honor System.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Kinder

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