

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**October 9, 2017**  
**230 Student Services Building, 3:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** D. Stauffer; V. Fowler; M. Kasarda; L. Khansa; A. Knoblauch; C. Leeth; K. Redican; J. Sible; S. Sumner for A. Grant; D. Thorp; B. Watford for J. Ross; L. Zietsman; A. Zink-Sharp; S. Ulrich; R. Willis; J. Billingsley

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** C. Clarke; D. Clubb; R. Holloway; R. Pannenton for S. Morton

**ABSENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION:** K. Albright; M. Hajj; T. Hammett; K. Hosig; S. Metko; A. Roche; K. Yousef

**VISITORS:** N. Akers; G. Costello; M. Moehler; R. Sparks

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM by Dean Stauffer.

**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**

D. Stauffer announced the September 25, 2017 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar's website:

[HTTPS://REGISTRAR.VT.EDU/CONTENT/DAM/REGISTRAR\\_VT\\_EDU/DOCUMENTS/UPDATES/GOVERNANCE/2017-2018/SEPT25/CUSP\\_MINUTES\\_9\\_25\\_17\\_FINAL.PDF](https://registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/updates/governance/2017-2018/sept25/cusp_minutes_9_25_17_final.pdf)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2017-18.B, *Resolution to approve new major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy*, **First Reading**

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading *Resolution 2017-18.B, Resolution to approve new major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy*.

D. Stauffer opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2017-18.B.

Reviewed anticipated enrollment.

Resolution 2017-18.B has been forwarded to Faculty Senate for comment. Following the Faculty Senate review and response, the second reading of Resolution 2017-18.B 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**

No Report.

#### **Athletic Committee**

S. Sumner reported that this committee will meet tomorrow.

#### **Commencement Committee**

L. Khansa reported that the Committee discussed bringing keynote speakers for spring graduation to spark interest in graduating students.

L. Khansa reported that the Committee discussed ensuring families are kept together when receiving special accommodation seating.

#### **Honor System Review Board**

No Report.

#### **Library Committee**

No Report.

#### **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

M. Kasarda presented the report of the September 22, 2017 meeting of the University Commencement Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report of the September 22, 2017 meeting of the University Commencement Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 22, 2017**  
**FOR “FIRST AND SECOND READING”**  
**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**COURSES**

**New:**

**Fall 2018**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

HORT 4744 Plant Establishment and Environmental Design (CM-3750)

**Revised:**

**Fall 2018**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

ENGL 4084 Conducting Research in the Language Sciences (CM-3732)

**Discontinued:**

**Fall 2018**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

HORT 3644 Landscape Establishment and Management (CM-3750)

**FOR “FIRST AND SECOND READING”**  
**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

**DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS**

**Major:**

**New:**

**Effective Graduating Calendar Year 2020**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Establishment of New Major: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (BAPHI); Major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); First term and year to enroll: Spring 2018; First term and year to graduate: Spring 2020 (CM-3743)

Checksheet: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (BAPHI); Major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) (CM-3743)

### **Undergraduate Studies and Policies**

No Report.

### **University Curriculum Committee for General Education**

L. Ziestman presented the report of the September 27, 2017 meeting of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report of the September 27, 2017 meeting of the Pathways Ad-Hoc Review Committee.

**PATHWAYS AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**  
**For “First and Second Reading”**  
**Unanimous Approval**

**COURSES**

**New:**

**CLE Spring 2018/Pathways Fall 2018**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

COMM 2134: Introduction to Health Communication (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3725))

STS 3284: Technology and Disability (CLE Areas 2 and 7, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts GE06, Ethical Reasoning GE10) (CM 3714)

**Revised:**

**CLE Spring 2018/Pathways Fall 2018**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

GER 3305, 3306: Survey of German Literature (CLE Area 2, Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11)  
(CM 3726)

RED 4664: Universal Design (CLE Area 6, Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts GE06, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11)  
(CM 3596)

SOC 2034: Diversity and Community Engagement (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences GE03, Critical Analysis of Equity and Identity in the United States GE07, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11)  
(CM 3733)

SPAN 2744: Topics in Spanish Culture (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11)  
(CM 3727)

SPAN 3304: Introduction to Hispanic Literature (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities GE02, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3728)

### **College of Science**

PHYS 1055, 1056: Introduction to Astronomy (CLE Area 4, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3720)

PHYS 2074: Highlights of Contemporary Physics (CLE Area 4, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3721)

PHYS 2205-2206: General Physics (CLE Area 4, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11) (CM 3722)

PHYS 2305-2306: Foundations of Physics (CLE Area 4, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences GE04, Intercultural and Global Awareness GE11)  
(CM 3723)

## **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**

S. Ulrich reported that the Graduate Student Assembly met on September 21, 2017 and created a new committee (Internal Affairs) to provide comments regarding resolutions to Faculty Senate. This Committee has not yet met.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Akers, Office of the University Registrar*