

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2019**  
**230 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, 3:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** K. Redican (Chair); M. Byers; S. Corcoran; P. Deck; K. Edgar; K. Goynes; K. Hodges for V. Fowler; R. Holloway; B. Steffens for L. Hoynes; A. Johnson; C. Leeth; S. Metko; R. Panneton for S. Morton; S. Sumner for A. Grant; S. Tatum; D. Thorp; B. Watford for J. Ross; M. Wolfe

**ABSENT:** K. Albright; G. Daniel; J. Falls; L. Khansa; L. Learman; J. Paul; J. Sible; C. Touzel; D. Wodak; E. Wiseman

**VISITORS:** N. Akers; D. Cannon; G. Costello; R. Denton; B. Smith; R. Sparks

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by K. Redican, Chair.

**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**

K. Redican announced the October 14, 2019 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/2019-2020/10-14-19/minutes\\_cusp\\_10\\_14\\_19.pdf](https://www.registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2019-2020/10-14-19/minutes_cusp_10_14_19.pdf)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2019-20.E *Resolution for the Establishment of the School of Communication and Digital Media, First Reading***

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2019-20.E *Resolution for the Establishment of the School of Communication and Digital Media.*

K. Redican opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2019-20.E.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- D. Thorp presented background information regarding the need for the establishment of the school in order to align with other peer

institutions with similar programs, as well as enhance Virginia Tech's reputation across the various Communication disciplines.

- R. Denton provided an overview of the 3 to 5-year plan with regard to proposed new majors and supporting hiring plan.
- The Commission asked for clarification with regards to how faculty and students would be counted and for clarification to be added in the supporting documentation related to transition of current Department of Communication to new school.

Resolution 2019-20.E will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, Graduate Student Assembly, and the Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2019-20.E 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.

#### **Athletics Committee**

S. Sumner presented the October 3, 2019 minutes of the Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 3, 2019 minutes of the Athletics Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Commencement Committee**

No report.

#### **Honor Council**

No report.

#### **Library Committee**

No report.

## **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

P. Deck presented the report of the October 11, 2019 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 11, 2019 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—OCTOBER 11, 2019**

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

#### **COURSES**

**New:**

**Spring 2020**

**College of Engineering**

ECE 2804 Integrated Design Project (CM-5184)

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

CHN 3124 Chinese for Oral Proficiency (CM-5342)

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

SBIO 3104 Packaging Design Applications (CM-5335)

**College of Science**

GEOS 4254 Integrative Earth System History (CM-5384)

GEOS 4264 Sedimentary Basins (CM-5385)

GEOS 4824 Engineering Geology (CM-5388)

**Pamplin College of Business**

REAL 4034 Real Estate Analytical Methods (CM-5366)

**Revised:**

**Spring 2020**

**College of Engineering**

CEE 3404 Introduction to Structural Engineering (CM-5358)

**Pamplin College of Business**

REAL 2024 Principles of Real Estate Sales (CM-5351)

**New:**

**Fall 2020**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

SBIO 3524 Manufacture of Sustainable Biomaterials for Structures (CM-5331)

SBIO 1014 Introduction to Packaging Systems and Design (CM-5332)

SBIO 2214 Design Fundamentals for Packaging (CM-5334)

**Revised:**

**Fall 2020**

**College of Engineering**

ISE 2004 Introduction to Industrial and Systems Engineering (CM-5322)

**Discontinue:**

**Fall 2020**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

SBIO 3534 Lumber Manufacturing and Drying (CM-5331)

SBIO 3634 Wood Products Manufacturing (CM-5331)

**Revised:**

**Spring 2021**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

SBIO 4714 Performance of Sustainable Biomaterials in Buildings (CM-5330)

**Discontinue:**

**Spring 2021**

**College of Natural Resources and Environment**

SBIO 4715, 4716 Wood House (CM-5330)

**DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS**

**Major:**

**Revised:**

**Graduating calendar year 2022 and for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2020-2021 (CM-5318)**

**College of Engineering**

Major: Mechanical Engineering (ME) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME), effective for students graduating in calendar year 2022 and for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2020-2021 (CM-5318)

**University Curriculum Committee for General Education**

K. Hodges presented the minutes of the October 2, 2019 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2019 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee**

K. Hodges presented the report of the October 9, 2019 Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 9, 2019 report of the Pathways Ad Hoc Review Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **PATHWAYS AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—OCTOBER 9, 2019**

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

#### **COURSES**

#### **New:**

#### **CLE Spring 2020/Pathways Spring 2020**

##### **College of Science**

ECON 3054: Introduction to Forecasting (CLE Area 5, Pathways Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking G05a, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 5259)

ECON 3134 (BDS 3134): Choice and Behavior (CLE area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 5202)

GEOS 1064: Climate History: Past, Present, and Future (CLE Areas 4 and 7, Pathways Reasoning in the Natural Sciences G04, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 5309)

#### **Revised:**

#### **CLE Spring 2020/Pathways Spring 2020**

##### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

HORT 2164: Floral Design (CLE Area 6, Pathways Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts G06ad, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 5267)

#### **Pathways Spring 2020**

**College of Engineering**

BMES 4015-4016: BME Senior Design & Project (Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 5279)

ENGE 1414: Foundations of Engineering Practice (Pathways Critique and Practice in Design G06d, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 5256)

**College of Liberal Art and Human Sciences**

PR 3144: Writing and Editing for Public Relations (Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 5197)

**Discontinued:**

**College of Liberal Art and Human Sciences**

EDCI 3004: Pre-Education Seminar (Was CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) Effective Fall 2020 (CM 5440)

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 PM.

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