

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
JANUARY 25, 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. 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; A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; H. Hahn; L. Learman; A. Litchford; J. Paul; S. Vicente; C. Wood

VISITORS: N. Akers; G. Costello; M. Kimbrell; M. Mortimer; A. Myers; B. Smith; R. Sparks; 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 November 9, 2020 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/2020-2021/11-9/minutes_cusp_11_9_20.pdf

NEW BUSINESS:

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

P. Deck presented for first 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.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- B. Tracy provided background information regarding the new Major including student interest, the hiring of new faculty, and the ability to offer diversity in the area of Environmental Science.

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

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, First Reading*

P. Deck presented for first 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.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- B. Tracy provided background information regarding the new Degree noting that the unification of the curriculum and creation of the new school will be more reflective of the diversity within the school, address the area of Plant Science, and offer better career prospects for students.
- Discussed differences between proposed SPES Major in Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science and CAUS Major in Landscape Architecture.
- Discussed access to program courses for university students.
- Addressed questions related to course prerequisites and number of Free Electives.

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REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

K. Goyne presented the October 30, 2020 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 30, 2020 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Athletics Committee

H. Gumbert presented the November 19, 2020 minutes of the Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 19, 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

No report.

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

J. Sible presented the minutes of the November 4, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

J. Sible presented the minutes of the December 2, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee

J. Sible presented the report of the December 9, 2020 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 9, 2020 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—
DECEMBER 9, 2020

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

COURSES

New:

CLE Summer 2021/Pathways Summer 2021

College of Engineering

CS 2064: Intermediate Programming in Python (CLE Area 5, Pathways Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking G05a, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 6260)

CLE Fall 2021/Pathways Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

HIST 2244 (CLA 2244): Cities of Rome (CLE Area 2, Pathways Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6286)

Revised:

Pathways Summer 2021

College of Engineering

CS 1054: Introduction to Programming in Java (Pathways Foundational Quantitative and Computational Thinking G05f, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6259)

MINORS

New:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Establishment of New Minor: Health Communication (HCOM); First term to enroll: Summer 2021; First term and year to graduate: Winter 2022 (CM 6022)

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: CGPS&P Resolution 2020-2021B *Resolution to Establish the School of Environmental Security*

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- P. Deck informed Commission members that Resolution 2020-2021B has been provided to the Commission for comments as part of the shared governance process.

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 8 CUSP meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 PM.

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