

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
OCTOBER 26, 2020
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; S. Sumner for A. Grant; H. Gumbert; S. Johnson; M. Pleimling for S. Morton; J. Paul; K. Redican; J. Sible; S. Tatum; K. Thompson; D. Thorp; L. McClaskey for C. Treanor; S. Vicente; A. Villar; E. Wiseman

ABSENT: A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; K. Goyne; H. Hahn; A. Johnson; L. Khansa; L. Learman; R. Holloway; C. Wood

VISITORS: N. Akers; G. Costello; D. Knight; B. Smith; R. Sparks

ADOPTION OF 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 the October 12, 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/2020-2021/10-12/minutes_cusp_10_12_20.pdf

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-2021C *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education, and New Major, Elementary Education (PK-6), First Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2020-2021C *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education, and New Major, Elementary Education (PK-6)*.

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- D. Thorp provided background and noted that the new major will address the critical teacher shortage in Virginia and will now give students the option to pursue an undergraduate degree or Master's degree in Education.

- Commission members discussed the designation of the major as a Bachelor of Science degree versus Bachelor of Arts.

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

Resolution 2020-2021D *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Arts in Education in Secondary Education with New Majors: English Language Arts Education, and History and Social Sciences Education; and new Degree, Bachelor of Science in Education in Secondary Education with New Majors in Mathematics Education, Career and Technical Education – Agricultural Education, and Career and Technical Education, First Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for first reading Resolution 2020-2021D *Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Arts in Education in Secondary Education with New Majors: English Language Arts Education, and History and Social Sciences Education; and new Degree, Bachelor of Science in Education in Secondary Education with New Majors in Mathematics Education, Career and Technical Education – Agricultural Education, and Career and Technical Education.*

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- D. Thorp provided background and noted that the new major will address the critical teacher shortage in Virginia and will now give students the option to pursue an undergraduate degree or Master’s degree in Education.
- D. Thorp explained that the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees include multiple new majors to allow for more specialization in the area of secondary education.

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

REPORT AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

P. Deck on behalf of K. Goynes reported that the Committee met with Rick Sparks on October 13, 2020 to review the charge to create an academic relief policy. Due to the policy being developed applying only to undergraduate students, the Committee invited an undergraduate student from the College of Science to join the Committee as a student representative.

Athletics Committee

E. Wiseman reported that the Athletics Committee met on October 22, 2020 and received updates from the Men's Basketball Coach and Director of Student-Athlete Academic Support Services.

Commencement Committee

J. Paul reported that the Commencement Committee will not be meeting this semester due to Fall commencement being held virtually.

Honor Council

No report.

Library Committee

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

S. Corcoran presented the report of the October 9, 2020 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 9, 2020 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—OCTOBER 9, 2020

**For "First Reading"
Non-Unanimous Approval**

COURSES

New:

Spring 2021

Undergraduate Education

UNIV 2114 Unleash Your HokiePotential (CM-6044)

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

COURSES

New:

Spring 2021

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

LAR 2025-2026 Landscape Architecture Design Studio Place, Process and People (CM-5839)

College of Engineering

ME 4654 Optimization Techniques in Engineering (CM-6011)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

MUS 3034 Form and Analysis in the Common-practice Period (CM-6019)

IS 1104 Introduction to European Studies (CM-6056)

IS 2104 (PSCI 2104) Europe Country Analysis (CM-6057)

IS 3804 (PSCI 3804) European Integration (CM-6059)

IS 3814 (PSCI 3814) The European Union: Institutions & Policies (CM-6060)

IS 3824 (PSCI 3824) European Union’s Foreign and Security Policy (CM-6061)

IS 3834 (PSCI 3834) European Security Governance (CM-6064)

IS 3854 (PSCI 3854) European Political Economy (CM-6065)

IS 3914 (PSCI 3914) (ECON 3914) European Economics (CM-6066)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FREC 4024 Forest Resources Management and Business (CM-6038)

College of Science

SYSB 2034 Mathematical Methods in Systems Biology (CM-5923)

ECON 4314 (CMDA 4314) Big Data Economics (CM-5926)

Revised:

Spring 2021

College of Engineering

CEE 4274 Land Development Design (previously deferred on 9/11/20 and 9/25/20)
(CM-5985)

DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS

Minor:

Revise:

Effective Catalog 2021-2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Environmental Science (ENSC), effective for student date of entry under UG
Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-5874)

Pamplin College of Business

Entrepreneurship – New Venture Growth (ENVG), effective for student date of
entry under UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-5921)

Minor:

Rename:

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Science, Technology, and Society (STSO), effective for student date of entry under
UG Catalog 2021-2022 (CM-5950)

With approval of new Minor Name: Science, Technology, and Society
(STSO), discontinue minor name: Humanities, Science, and Technology
(HST), last term and year to graduate: Winter 2022 (CM-5950)

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

J. Sible presented the minutes of the October 7, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2020 University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee

J. Sible presented the report of the October 14, 2020 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 14, 2020 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT—
OCTOBER 14, 2020

For “First and Second Reading”
Unanimous Approval

COURSES

New:

CLE Spring 2021/Pathways Spring 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

SPAN 3154: Spanish for the Natural Sciences (CLE Area 7, Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 5967)

FR 3154: French for the Natural Sciences (CLE Area 7, Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 5966)

Pathways Spring 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

EDCT 4004: International Trends in Workforce Development (Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6105)

Revised:

CLE Spring 2021/Pathways Spring 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

RLCL 2514 (SOC 2514): Asian American Experience (CLE Area 3, Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States G07, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 3745)

Pathways Spring 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

ALCE 3014: Leadership Effectiveness for Professionals in Agricultural Organizations (Pathways Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6146)

ALCE 3624: Communicating Ag and Life Sciences in Writing (Pathways Advanced Discourse G01a, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6147)

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative & Professional Faculty Affairs

J. Paul reported that the Commission received a presentation from Human Resources on PageUp, the new learning management system. The Commission also discussed election day leave for faculty members, as well as plans to move forward with the formation of an A/P Faculty Senate.

Staff Senate

No report.

Faculty Senate

No report.

Student Government Association

No report.

Graduate Student Assembly

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

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 November 9 CUSP meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 PM.

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