

AGENDA
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
VIA ZOOM, 3:00 PM

Call to Order	Paul Deck
Adoption of Agenda	Paul Deck
Welcome and Remarks from the Chair	Paul Deck

- Welcome and Self-Introductions
- Charge/Goals of the Commission for 2020-2021 Academic Year

Charge: To study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures concerning on- and off-campus undergraduate academic matters. Areas for consideration include: library resources, admissions, academic progress, degree requirements, Honor Systems and study environment; In-Honors programs, curricula, courses, advising, and instruction; student honors and awards; financial aid, scheduling, registration and other matters affecting the undergraduate student academic environment.

Goals:

- Academic Relief – Based on the work of the Academic Affairs sub-committee, CUSP will hear an updated Academic Relief policy that includes student re-admission/re-enrollment, current W grade policy, retroactive timeline, and appearance of coursework on the transcript.
- Policy on Re-enrollment – In order to support overall enrollment management of students, CUSP will consider creating a definition of an “active student” for undergraduates designed to encourage continuous enrollment.
- Academic Policy Clean-up – In support of the Office of Policy and Governance’s university-wide effort to clean up policy overlap, CUSP will review academic policies in need of discontinuance and/or merger.

Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of: April 27, 2020

Minutes voted on electronically and posted to the Office of the University Registrar’s website.

New Business

Resolution 2020-2021A *Resolution to Approve New Major, Automotive Engineering, in Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, First Reading* Keith Thompson

Resolution 2020-2021B *Resolution to Approve New Major, Robotics and Mechatronics, in Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, First Reading* Keith Thompson

Report and Minutes from Commission and Committees/Sub-Committees

Committees

- Academic Support Committee Dan Thorp

- Academic Policies Committee Robin Panneton
- Athletics Committee Vacant
- Commencement Committee Jacob Paul
- Honor Council Cassidy Treanor
- Library Committee Steven Tatum
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Sean Corcoran
- University Curriculum Committee for General Education Vacant

Constituent Reports

- Commission on Administrative & Professional Faculty Affairs Jacob Paul
- Staff Senate Amanda Villar
- Faculty Senate Henri de Hahn/Cindy Wood
- Student Government Association Vacant
- Graduate Student Assembly Vacant

Other Business

For Information Purposes: CUSP Resolution 2019-2020E *Resolution for the Establishment of the School of Communication (was School of Communication and Digital Media)* Paul Deck

- Executive Committee of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors (BOV) met in special session on August 13, 2020. The Committee approved a resolution to change the name of the school in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences previously approved by the Board of Visitors to the School of Communication, effective immediately. Earlier this year, the Board voted to establish a School of Communication and Digital Media. However, the school will now be called the School of Communication at the request of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

College of Engineering Request for Posthumous Degree Keith Thompson

College of Science Request for Posthumous Degree Robin Panneton

Nominations/Review of CUSP Sub-Committee Chairs and Representatives Paul Deck
For Academic Year 2020-2021

- Representative for University Curriculum Committee for General Education– (1 Year Appointment – Appointee should be selected from College Faculty Representatives)
 - 2019-2020 Representative: Virginia Fowler
- Representative for University Athletics Committee– (1 Year Appointment)
 - 2019-2020 Representative: Susan Sumner

Adjournment Paul Deck