

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
SEPTEMBER 28, 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; K. Goynes; S. Sumner for A. Grant; H. Gumbert; R. Holloway; L. Khansa; R. Panneton for S. Morton; J. Paul; K. Redican; J. Sible; S. Tatum; K. Thompson; D. Thorp; A. Villar; E. Wiseman

ABSENT: A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; H. Hahn; A. Johnson; S. Johnson; L. Learman; C. Treanor; S. Vicente; C. Wood

VISITORS: N. Akers; B. Armstrong; G. Costello; A. Eskandarian; A. Myers; C. Sartini; B. Smith; R. Sparks

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to modify the voting process to only ask for opposed votes and abstentions. The motion to modify the voting process to only ask for opposed votes and abstentions passed unanimously.

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 September 14, 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/2020-2021/9-14/minutes_cusp_9_14_20.pdf

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-2021.A *Resolution to Approve New Major, Automotive Engineering, in Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Second Reading*

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2020-2021.A *Resolution to Approve New Major, Automotive Engineering, in Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.*

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

Resolution 2020-2021.A has received a waiver from Faculty Senate and is pending review by Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- A. Eskandarian noted that the addition of the new majors will provide flexibility and the opportunity for students to specialize in the areas of Automotive Engineering and Robotics and Mechatronics.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2020-2021.A. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

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

The motion was made and seconded to present for second reading Resolution 2020-2021.B *Resolution to Approve New Major, Robotics and Mechatronics, in Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.*

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

Resolution 2020-2021.B has received a waiver from Faculty Senate and is pending review by Staff Senate, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- A. Eskandarian noted that the addition of the new majors will provide flexibility and the opportunity for students to specialize in the areas of Automotive Engineering and Robotics and Mechatronics.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2020-2021.B. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

REPORT AND MINUTES FROM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Support Committee

No report.

Academic Policies Committee

R. Panneton informed the Commission that she will no longer be able to chair the Committee. A motion was made and seconded to nominate K. Goyne as the new Chair.

The motion passed unanimously.

Athletics Committee

E. Wiseman reported that the Committee held its first meeting where it received the Committee Charge for the academic year, along with updates from W. Babcock and B. Wurthman.

Commencement Committee

No report.

Honors Council

No report.

Library Committee

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

S. Corcoran presented the report of the September 11, 2020 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 11, 2020 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

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

COURSES

New:

Spring 2021

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

SPES 4864 Plant Sciences Capstone (CM-5867)

College of Engineering

CS 2144 Competitive Problem Solving I (CM-5371)

CS 3274 Software Reverse Engineering (CM-5374)

CS 4774 Human-Computer Interaction Design Experience (CM-5376)

AOE 4864 Special Topics in Space Engineering (CM-5725)

ECE 3504 Principles of Computer Architecture (CM-6097)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

GEOG 4404 Geovisualization (CM-5646)

College of Science

SYSB 2024 Fundamentals of Systems Biology (CM-5924)

Revised:

Spring 2021

College of Engineering

ECE 3704 Continuous and Discrete System Theory (CM-5730)

College of Science

SYSB 4065-4066 Research Experience in Systems Biology (CM-5678)

STAT 4514 Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis (CM-5988)

Pamplin College of Business

ACIS 4114 Advanced Financial Accounting (CM-5696)

Discontinue:

Spring 2021

College of Engineering

ECE 2500 Computer Organization and Architecture (CM-6097)

New:

Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

EDCI 3354 STEM in Elementary Schools (CM-5442)

EDCT 4624 Managing a Career and Technical Education Program (CM-5965)

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

No report.

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative & 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

Scholarships and Financial Aid Annual Report

B. Armstrong presented the 2019-2020 Annual Report which included number of contact types (phone, walk-in, front desk, e-mails), loan disbursement numbers, distribution of CARES ACT funds, and the effects of COVID-19 on financial aid.

**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:

- University Curriculum Committee for General Education –
 - Commission will revisit at the October 12 CUSP meeting
- Representative for Academic Policies Ad-Hoc Committee – Robin Panneton
- Representative for Academic Policies Ad-Hoc Committee – Student
 - Commission will revisit at the October 12 CUSP meeting

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 PM.

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