

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
JANUARY 24, 2022
VIA ZOOM, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by S. Corcoran, Chair. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

PRESENT: S. Corcoran (Chair); P. Deck; A. Dubner; M. Pleimling for R. Fricker; S. Sumner for A. Grant; H. Gumbert; K. Goyne; R. Holloway; A. Johnson; M. Kimbrell; G. Novack; K. Redican; J. Sible; D. Stauffer; K. Swaby; S. Tatum; K. Thompson; K. Tran

ABSENT: K. Albright; A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; L. Khansa; L. Learman; L. McClaskey; A. Villar; C. Wood

VISITORS: S. Biscotte; G. Costello; A. Myers; R. Pitcher; H. Shinault; B. Smith; R. Sparks

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

S. Corcoran announced that the November 8, 2021 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/2021-2022/11-8/cusp_minutes_11_8_21.pdf

For Information:

UCC Report to CUSP dated January 22, 2021

Resolution 2020-2021F (CUSP 1st Reading January 25, 2021; 2nd Reading February 8, 2021)

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.

Per SCHEV approval (letter dated October 20, 2021) of New Degree: Bachelor of Science in Plant Science (BSPLS) with New Majors: Crop and Soil Sciences, Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science, Plant Science, and Environmental Horticulture (CM-6140):

- First term to enroll was changed to “Spring 2022” (approved through VT University Academic Governance as “Fall 2021”), and
- First term/year to graduate was changed to “Spring 2022” (approved through VT University Academic Governance as “Spring 2025”)

Per SCHEV approval (letter dated October 20, 2021) to Discontinue Degree: Bachelor of Science, Major: Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences (CSS), and associated Discontinue Major Concentrations/Options: Agronomy (AGRO), Crop Genetics & Breeding (CRGB), International Agriculture (INAG), and Turfgrass Management (TURF) (CM-6141):

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Per SCHEV approval (letter dated October 20, 2021) to Discontinue Degree: Bachelor of Science in Horticulture (BSHRT), Major: Environmental Horticulture (EHRT) (CM-6142):

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At the request of the Honors College and in support for students completing this new minor, Office of the University Registrar updated the 1st term to graduate in the new Minor: Honors Transdisciplinary Praxis (HTDP) to “Winter 2023” (CM-6931) (was approved through VT University Academic Governance “Winter 2025”)

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2021-22F *Resolution to Modify the Pathways to General Education Concept 5 – Quantitative and Computational Thinking Requirements*, First Reading

S. Corcoran presented for first reading Resolution 2021-22F *Resolution to Modify the Pathways to General Education Concept 5 – Quantitative and Computational Thinking Requirements*.

S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion on Resolution 2021-22F.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- R. Sparks noted that the modification to Pathways Concept 5 would be effective beginning academic year 2022-2023.

Hearing no further discussion, Resolution 2021-22F will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, AP Faculty Senate, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and Undergraduate Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2021-22F 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

K. Goynes presented the October 27, 2021, November 10, 2021 and December 8, 2021 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 27, 2021, November 10, 2021 and December 8, 2021 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Athletics Committee

H. Gumbert asked Commission members for suggestions of topics to present to Athletics Committee members at upcoming meetings.

H. Gumbert presented the November 11, 2021 and December 9, 2021 minutes of the Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 11, 2021 and December 9, 2021 minutes of the Athletics Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commencement Committee

P. Deck presented the December 1, 2021 minutes of the Commencement Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 1, 2021 minutes of the Commencement Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Honor Council

No report.

Library Committee

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

K. Redican presented the report of the November 12, 2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 12, 2021 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—

NOVEMBER 12, 2021
2:00-4:00PM VIA ZOOM

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**FOR “FIRST AND SECOND READING”
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

COURSES

New:

Summer 2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

AAEC 4484: Applied Economic Forecasting (CM-6999)

CSES 2224: Foundations of Precision Agriculture (CM-7000)

CSES 4224: Applied Concepts in Precision Agriculture (CM-7001)

CSES 4534: Internet of Things (IoT) for Smart Farming (CM-7051)

College of Engineering

ECE 4314: Electric Energy Distribution Systems (CM-7026)

New:

Fall 2022

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

ART 4184: Museum Studies: Theory and Practice (CM-6996)

ART 4284: Museum Ethics & Cultural Preservation (CM-6997)

ART 4684: Topics in Museums and Collections (CM-6998)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

PR 3034 (ADV 3034): Topics in Public Relations and Advertising (CM-7050)

College of Science

GEOS 4184: Geodesy in the Earth Sciences (CM-7029)

Revised:

Fall 2022

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FREC 1044: Introduction to Environmental Data Science (CM-7007)

College of Science

MATH 1454: Introduction to Programming for Mathematical Problem-Solving (CM-7023)

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

G. Novack presented the November 3, 2021 and December 1, 2021 minutes of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 3, 2021 and December 1, 2021 minutes of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

G. Novack presented the report of the December 8, 2021 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 8, 2021 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT

PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 8, 2021

ZOOM MEETING, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

For “First and Second Reading” Unanimous
Approval

Courses

New:

Pathways Fall 2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

FST 2024: From Raw to Burnt: Exploring Science and Society through Foods (Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Reasoning in the Natural Sciences G04, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 7003)

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

HIST 2394 (RLCL 2394): Tofu to Tikka: Food in Asian History (Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6977)

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FREC 3044: Environmental Data Science (Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking G05a, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 7008)

Revised:

Pathways Summer 2022

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

CMST 2064: The Tradition of Rhetoric and Societal Change (Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 7041)

MUS 1005-1006: Theory Fundamentals (Pathways for MUS 1005 only: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts G06ad, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 7040)

MUS 3064: Digital Sound Manipulation (Critique and Practice in the Arts G06a, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 6992)

Discontinued:

Effective Fall 2022

College of Natural Resources and Environment

FREC 3004: Environmental Informatics (CM 7008)

Minors

Revised:

Effective Catalog 2022-2023

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Revision of Pathways Minor: Leadership and Social Change (ILRM) (CM 5188)

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No report.

Staff Senate

No report.

Faculty Senate

G. Novack reported that the Faculty Senate is crafting a statement regarding the ongoing targeted harassment on campus directed towards Faculty members. Additionally, Faculty Senate members will be voting on the proposed changes to the University's shared governance structure, as well as discussing the change regarding faculty qualifications for serving on graduate program review committees.

Undergraduate Student Senate

No report.

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

No report

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Becki Smith
Office of the University Registrar