

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 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); K. Albright; P. Deck; A. Dubner; M. Pleimling for R. Fricker; S. Sumner for A. Grant; H. Gumbert; K. Goyne; R. Holloway; M. Kimbrell; G. Novack; K. Redican; J. Sible; D. Stauffer; K. Swaby; S. Tatum; K. Tran; C. Wood

**ABSENT:** A. Council; K. Edgar; D. Givens; A. Johnson; L. Khansa; L. Learman; L. McClaskey; K. Thompson; A. Villar

**VISITORS:** S. Biscotte; G. Costello; B. Hicok; A. Myers; R. Pitcher; H. Shinault; V. Singal; 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 January 24, 2022 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/2021-2022/1-24/cusp\\_minutes\\_1\\_24\\_2022.pdf](https://www.registrar.vt.edu/content/dam/registrar_vt_edu/documents/Updates/governance/2021-2022/1-24/cusp_minutes_1_24_2022.pdf)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

S. Corcoran presented for second 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.

Hearing no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Resolution 2021-22F. This Resolution will be forwarded for review at University Council.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution 2021-22G** *Resolution to Approve New Major, Real Estate Finance, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance, First Reading*

S. Corcoran presented for first reading Resolution 2021-22G *Resolution to Approve New Major, Real Estate Finance, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance.*

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- V. Singal provided background information which stated that the current Major Concentration/Option will be elevated to the new Major.

Hearing no further discussion, Resolution 2021-22G will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, AP Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and Undergraduate Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2021-22G will take place at the next available CUSP meeting.

### **Resolution 2021-22H** *Resolution for the Establishment of the Department of Real Estate, First Reading*

S. Corcoran presented for first reading Resolution 2021-22H *Resolution for the Establishment of the Department of Real Estate.*

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

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- K. Boyle provided background information and stated that establishing a formal Department of Real Estate will assist with promoting the Pamplin College of Business, as well as allow for better allocation of resources.
- Commission members inquired about the possibility of converting contingent faculty to permanent faculty within the new Department, as well as how the projected salaries compare with peer institutions.

Hearing no further discussion, Resolution 2021-22H will be forwarded to Faculty Senate, AP Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and

Undergraduate Student Senate for comment. The second reading of Resolution 2021-22H 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. Goyne presented the January 19, 2022 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 19, 2022 minutes of the Academic Policies Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Athletics Committee**

H. Gumbert presented the January 20, 2022 minutes of the Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 20, 2022 minutes of the Athletics Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Commencement Committee**

P. Deck presented the February 2, 2022 minutes of the Commencement Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 2, 2022 minutes of the Commencement Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Honor Council**

No report.

#### **Library Committee**

S. Tatum presented the minutes of the September 17, 2021 Library Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 17, 2021 minutes of the Library Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

K. Redican presented the report of the January 28, 2022 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 28, 2022 report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT—**

**JANUARY 28, 2022**  
**2:00-4:00PM VIA ZOOM**

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

#### **COURSES**

##### **New:**

##### **Summer 2022**

##### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

CMST 4714: Senior Seminar in Communication (CM-7043)

##### **Revised:**

##### **Summer 2022**

##### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

AS 2115-2116: Team and Leadership Fundamentals (CM-6825)

CMST 4244: Topics in Communication (CM-7042)

##### **New:**

##### **Fall 2022**

##### **College of Engineering**

CHE 4114: Energy and Climate Change Solutions (CM-7069)

BSE 1004: Engineering Biological Systems for the Global Good (CM-7090)

### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

ENGL 4474: Special Topics in Professional and Technical Writing (CM-6107)

ENGL 3474: Rhetoric for Professional Writers (CM-6108)

JMC 3324: Sports Play-by-Play Reporting (CM-7044)

JMC 3334: Sports as Entertainment (CM-7045)

JMC 3344: Sports Data Journalism (CM-7048)

### **College of Science**

CMDA 1634: Discovering Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (CM-7063)

CHEM 2564: Problem-Solving in Organic Chemistry (CM-7059)

CMDA 4634: Scalable Computing for Computational Modeling and Data Analytics (CM-7062)

### **Revised:**

#### **Fall 2022**

### **College of Natural Resources and Environment**

FREC 4044: Environmental Data Science Capstone (CM-7009)

### **College of Science**

GEOS 2024: Earth's Dynamic Systems (CM-7058)

## **DEGREES, MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS**

### **Major:**

### **New:**

#### **Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

Establishment of New Major: Real Estate Finance (RESF) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance (BSBUS/BSBUF) (New), effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM-6920)

**Revised:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Major: Communication (COMM) under Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Communication, effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023 (CM-7047)

**Major/Concentration:**

**New:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**Pamplin College of Business**

Establishment of New Major Concentration/Option: Hospitality & Tourism Management Analytics (HTMA) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS), Major: Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM), effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM-7077)

Establishment of New Major Concentration/Option: Services Management (HTMS) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS), Major: Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM), effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; first term and year to enroll: Summer 2022, first term and year to graduate: Spring 2023 (CM7078)

**Discontinue:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**Pamplin College of Business**

Discontinue Major Concentration/Option: Real Estate Finance (RELF) under Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBUS), Major: Finance (FIN); last term and year to enroll: Spring 2022, last term and year to graduate: Fall 2027 (CM-6920)

**Minor:**

**Discontinue:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**College of Engineering**

Discontinue Minor: Circuits and Electronics (MCEL), effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; last term and year to enroll: Summer 2019, last term and year to graduate: Spring 2021 (CM-7071)

Discontinue Minor: Microelectronics Engineering (MEEN), effective for student date of entry under UG catalog 2022-2023; last term and year to enroll: Summer 2019, last term and year to graduate: Spring 2021 (CM-7072)

**University Curriculum Committee for General Education**

G. Novack presented the February 2, 2022 minutes of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

Discussion and clarification topics included the following:

- Streamlining student learning outcomes (SLOs) related to each Pathways concept by combining existing outcomes and/or eliminating unused outcomes to reduce the number of faculty assessments.
- Commission members noted that with the first cohort of students using Pathways graduating in Spring 2022, there is the opportunity to learn more about the effectiveness of the outcomes and assessments.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 2, 2022 minutes of the University Curriculum Committee for General Education.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

G. Novack presented the report of the January 26, 2022 Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 26, 2022 report of the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORT**

**PATHWAYS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 26, 2022**

**ZOOM MEETING, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

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

**Courses**

**New:**

**Pathways Fall 2022**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

ENGL 2014: Food Writing (Advanced Discourse G01a, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 7076)

STS 2664: Technology Ethics (Critical Thinking in the Humanities G02, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the US G07, Ethical Reasoning G10) (CM 7134)

**Revised:**

**Pathways Fall 2022**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

FMD 1204: Clothing and People (Reasoning in the Social Sciences G03, Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the US G07, Intercultural and Global Awareness G11) (CM 7075)

**Minors**

**New:**

**Effective Catalog 2022-2023**

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Establishment of new Pathways Minor: Language and Culture for the Practice of Science (LCPS); First term to declare: Summer 2022; First term and year to graduate: Winter 2023 (CM 5956)



## **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

### **Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs**

K. Swaby informed Commission members that the A/P Faculty Senate President will be a representative to the Board of Visitors. Commission members will be working on reviewing and revising the Faculty Handbook in regards to the A/P Faculty grievance process.

### **Staff Senate**

No report.

### **Faculty Senate**

G. Novack informed Commission members that Faculty Senate voted to approve UC Resolution 2021-22A regarding changes to shared governance and approval of the new UC Constitution and Bylaws. Additionally, G. Novack provided information on the use of the GRE in graduate admissions noting that the default will be to not use the GRE in assessing admissions with departments having the option to request an exemption if they wish to utilize the GRE in the admissions process.

### **Undergraduate Student Senate**

No report.

### **Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

No report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**For Information: UC Resolution 2021-22A** Resolution to Revise the System of Shared Governance at Virginia Tech and Approve the New University Council Constitution and Bylaws

B. Hicok provided an update to Commission members regarding the proposed changes to the shared governance process including expansion of the resolution approval process, elimination of certain university-level committees, creation of the University Council Cabinet, and timeline for implementation of the proposed changes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 PM.

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