Present: B. Wheeler, (chair); M.A. Lewis; T. Gardner; C. Clemenz for R.E. Sorensen; T. Walker; J. Hess for S. Quisenberry; S. Ball for L.N. Chang; R. Oderwald for S. Zedaker; M. Denbow; M. Deisenroth for R. Benson; A. Olsen; C. Wood; C. Koziol; K. Strickler for R. Daniel; H. Hart for M. McQuain.

Absent: M. McNamee; D. Ford; A. McNabb; P. Knox; J. M. Kelly; G. Schurig; T. Mills; P. Spruill; J. Field; D. South; C. Miller; K. Poling. J. Nottingham; I. Glennon; M. Schneller.

Visitors: A. Cupp; M. Foushee; W. Ashton; Eileen Hitchingham.

- Call to Order and Announcements

- Adoption of the Agenda
  Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as distributed. Approval was unanimous.

  Minutes were approved electronically on February 24, 2006.

- Report from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curricula
Tom Walker presented the report for Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of February 16, 2006. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report of February 16, 2006. Approval was unanimous.

  For “First and Second Reading”
  Unanimous Approval

  Courses Effective Fall 2006
  BIOL 4674 Pathogenic Bacteriology (revised)
  BIOL 4724 Pathogenic Bacteriology Lab (new)
  BIT 4444 Web-Based Decision Support Systems (revised)
  BIT 4454 Business Analysis Seminar in IT (revised)
  WOOD 2124 Wood Structure and Properties (new)
  WOOD/FOR 2784 World Forests and Forest Products (new)
  WOOD 3224 Packaging and Materials Handling (new)

  Courses Effective Spring 2007
  HUM 4044 Topics in Humanities and Film (new)

  New Minor and Designator Effective Fall 2006
  IDST Minor in Film Studies (new)
  IDST Minor in Film Studies Designator – FLMS
 Checksheets Effective Graduating Class of 2008
Minor in Film Studies (new)

Courses to be Dropped Effective Fall 2006
WOOD 3114 Wood Structure, Processing and Properties
WOOD/FOR 3784 World Forests and Forest Products

University Core Curriculum Committee – There was no report.

University Library Committee – There was no report.

University Athletic Committee – There was no report.

Committee on Academic Policy – There was no report.

Committee on Academic Support - There was no report.

● Other Business
   Eileen Hitchenham, Dean of Libraries, gave a presentation regarding the current level of support for the University Library. Eileen stated for the past several years a survey called “LibQual” has been given to undergraduate, graduate students, as well as faculty. The survey provides information on the overall library funding available for developing collections and services for the entire university community. The survey is valued against an average for other research libraries. She says out of 113 research libraries Virginia Tech ranks approximately in the middle. We currently are in the 5th percentile and in order to meet the goals outlined in the proposed Strategic Plan we would need to be in the 30th percentile. She said after the University Library Committee saw the results of the LibQual they realized what an urgent need there is to increase resources for the library which initiated the above mentioned letter. A motion was made and seconded that the Commission go on record in support of the University Library in its goal to reach the 30th percentile in funding outlined in its proposed Strategic Plan. Approval was unanimous. It was moved and seconded that Dr. Robert Wheeler, Commission Chair, submit the attached letter to Dr. Douglas Berry, II, Library Committee Chair, pledging the Commission’s support. Approval was unanimous.

   On further note, Bob Wheeler stated he had received notice from the University Council regarding upcoming elections for members of various committees. He asked that we begin thinking about replacements as the end-of-year deadline approaches. This will be discussed in future meetings.

● The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Submitted by,
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