Present:  B. Wheeler, (chair); K. Strickler for R. Daniel; M.A. Lewis for J. Niles; M. Denbow; M. Schneller; T. Gardner; S. Zedaker; C. Wood; C. Clemenz for R.E. Sorensen; J. Hess for S. Quisenberry; T. Mills; A. Olsen; D. South; S. Ball for L.N. Chang, C. Miller; J. Field; K. Poling; B. Cox for T. Walker; I. Glennon; C. Kozoi; S. Leslie for J.M. Kelly.

Absent: M. McNamee; D. Ford; A. McNabb; P. Knox; G. Schurig; P. Spruill; M. McQuain; T. Walker; J. Nottingham; R. Benson.

Visitors: M. Foushee; A. Cupp; W. Ashton; M. Vorster; N. Bailey Spencer.

- Call to Order and Announcements
  Bob Wheeler called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. There were no announcements.

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

- Approval of CUSP Minutes of October 24, 2005
  Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 24, 2005. It was stated that the minutes should be amended to reflect the commission’s approval to have future commission minutes approved electronically. Minutes were approved as amended unanimously.

- Report of Commission Standing Committees

  Committee on Undergraduate Curricula
  Bob Wheeler presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula for October 25, 2005 for Tom Walker. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report of October 25, 2005. Approval was unanimous.

  For “First and Second Reading”
  Unanimous Approval

  Courses Effective Spring 2006
  CSES 2564 Turfgrass Management – (new)
  CSES 3564 Golf and Sports Turf Management – (revised)
  ECE 2500 Computer Organization and Architecture – (new)

University Core Curriculum Committee – Shep Zedaker stated that he had distributed minutes for the Core Curriculum Committee meeting of October 14, 2005. He also stated that the Core Committee met on November 11, 2005, but the minutes have not been approved and are not available. He further stated that there is no freeze on the University Core. The question was asked about the status of VIEWS requirement. Karen Strickler reported that all departments have submitted their plan and there has been much done by the Core Curriculum Committee to finalize the VIEWS plans.
University Library Committee – Irene Glennon presented the October 6, 2005 minutes of the University Library Committee. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Approval was unanimous.

University Athletic Committee – Candi Clemenz stated she still has not received the minutes of the October 19, 2005 Athletic Committee meeting, however she did address several questions regarding the minutes of September 22, 2005 meeting. There were questions regarding a handout referenced in the minutes, concerning student athletes GPA’s, as well as concerns about whether there would be penalties for the construction companies involved in the stadium project which is behind schedule. Suggestion was made that she address the stadium construction questions to Jim Weaver at the next meeting. She stated the committee will not meet again until December, and she will address these concerns at that meeting. She distributed handouts concerning the student athletes GPA’s. Another issue brought forward was reporting costs of the NCAA. She stated a budget will be available in February or March; however, last year’s budget is available and she will remain persistent until she receives a copy.

Committee on Academic Policy – Mike Denbow stated the Academic Policy Committee has not met and will not meet unless issues come forward.

Committee on Academic Support - Thom Mills stated the Academic Support committee has not met, therefore, there are no minutes.

CAUS Posthumous Degree – Jamal F. Duke – Thom Mills representing the College of Architecture and Urban Studies presented a request on behalf of the college and faculty to award a posthumous degree to Jamal Frazier Duke effective Spring 2006. Thom read a letter from Jack Davis, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Architecture and Urban Studies, supporting the awarding of a posthumous degree to Mr. Duke. Motion was made and seconded to award the posthumous degree. Approval was unanimous.

New School of Construction – Bob Wheeler stated the proposal for the Establishment of a School of Construction at Virginia Tech was electronically sent out to all members of the commission for review. Mike Vorster, David Burrows Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, presented an overview and introduced the concept of the New School of Construction. He stated the faculty of Building Construction in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies and the Vecellio Construction Engineering and Management program have seen an opportunity to build on success currently involving both units and establish a School of Construction at Virginia Tech. It is believed this will place Virginia Tech in a position to become the premier construction educational institution in the country as well as provide a unified construction identity with Virginia Tech and the construction industry. The school will be jointly housed in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies and the College of Engineering to provide a unified identity within Virginia Tech. After a brief discussion of the establishment of a School of Construction at Virginia Tech it was moved and seconded to approve the proposal. Approval was unanimous.

CUSP Resolution 2005-06A –Establishment of a School of Construction at Virginia Tech. Motion was made and seconded to waive the first reading of the CUSP resolution 2005-06A. Approval was unanimous.

It was moved and seconded to present CUSP Resolution 2005-06A for the Establishment of a School of Construction at Virginia Tech for second reading. Approval was unanimous.

● Other Business

● The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by,
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