

UFC Agenda, January 24, 2024

--Jan 24, 2024, 4pm (in person – HCC Digital Auditorium)

I. Call to Order

II. Meeting Minutes

- Approval of [November 15, 2023 DRAFT Minutes](#)

III. Reports

- President Troy Paino – [November 2023 Report](#)
- Provost Tim O'Donnell – [January 2024 Report](#)
- Deans
 - Dean Pete Kelly CoE – [January 2024 Report](#)
 - Dean Keith Mellinger CAS -
 - Dean Filiz Tabak CoB –
- SGA Representative (Jaylyn Long) -
- USC Representative (Sarah Appleby) -
- UFC Chair (Rachel Graefe-Anderson) –
- UFC Vice Chair (Davis Oldham) -
- Faculty Senate of Virginia (Chris Ryder) –
 - [FSVA October 28, 2023 Minutes](#)
 - [FSVA Announcement – Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments meeting rescheduled for Jan 23, 2024](#)

IV. University Committees - minutes

- University Academic Affairs Committee -
- University Budget Advisory Committee –
 - [UBAC Final Report 2023-2024](#)
 - [November 10, 2023 Minutes](#)
 - [October 27, 2023 Minutes](#)
- University Curriculum Committee – [December 13, 2023 Minutes](#)
- University Faculty Affairs Committee –
- University Faculty Organization Committee -
- University General Education Committee – [November 27, 2023 Minutes](#)
- University Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee –
- University Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee – [November 2, 2023 Minutes](#)
- Bachelor of Liberal Studies Committee – [November 27, 2023 Minutes](#)
- Digital Intensive Committee –
- Distance and Blended Learning Committee – [November 10, 2023 Minutes](#)
- First-Year Seminar Committee –
 - [November 6, 2023 Minutes](#)
 - [December 12, 2023 Minutes](#)

- Honors Program Committee –
- James Farmer Multicultural Center Advisory Committee - [December 4, 2023 Minutes](#)
- Journalism Advisory Committee – [January 10, 2024 Minutes](#)
- Speaking Intensive Committee –
- Writing Intensive Committee – [November 13, 2023 Minutes](#)

V. University Committees – action items

- University General Education Committee Action Items
 - PSYC 420 Career Explorations in Psychology AMW
 - FINC 320 Personal Finance AMW
 - RELG 101 Introduction to World Religions DGP
 - PHIL 210 Social and Political Philosophy HUM
 - [Motion on Foreign Language Requirement \(eliminate option #10 – 4 years high school language\)](#)
 - See minutes above for details on motion
- University Curriculum Committee Action Items
 - Course Change Proposals
 - ANTH 298: Ethnographic Research Methods
 - MATH 300: Linear Algebra
 - PHYS 384: Advanced Physics Laboratory
 - Program Change Proposals
 - Anthropology Major
 - Change in total credits because ANTH 298 is now 4 credits.
 - Adjusted to 31 credit major.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - Applied Economics Major
 - Eliminate and replace ECON courses.
 - Create greater interdisciplinary options with advanced Econ-related courses in other departments.
 - Add to variety of courses from other disciplines - 12 credits.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - Arts Administration Minor
 - Add to choices of courses (LRSP options) in business because of prerequisites for MGMT 301 and MKTG 301.
 - LRSP courses (online) are limited to a specific population (BLS students). BS students are discouraged from taking BLS courses. Future discussion: LRSP options for BS students
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - BS Nursing Completion Program
 - Change to adhere to CCNE accreditation.
 - Title changes.
 - New courses.

- A plan is in place for current students.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Biology Major
 - Add EESC 418 as an elective.
 - Add electives.
 - Question about BIOL 467. KC added BIOL 467 to the Research Intensive Course list in the Biology major per changes under New Course Proposals above.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Biomedical Sciences Major
 - Add 3 electives into the major.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Communications & Digital Studies Major
 - Add DGST 460 to capstone option.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Conservation Biology Major
 - Add BIOL 313 to diversity requirement.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Cybersecurity Major
 - Add CYBR 458 to electives.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Digital Studies Minor
 - Add DGST 460 as a capstone option.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Entrepreneurship Minor
 - Replace ECON 202 with MGMT 302.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Instructional Improvement (Master of ED)
 - Add two cognate options: English Language Learners and preparation for leadership roles in schools or central office.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Law and Philosophy Minor
 - Add four electives that had been overlooked.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Mathematics Major
 - Revise major to remove three hidden prerequisites (STAT 180, MATH 121, STAT 381).
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Applied Physics Major
 - Restructure major to add two new required classes.
 - Add and delete electives.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Physics Major
 - Restructure major to add two new required classes.

- Add and delete electives.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Physics Minor
 - Add and delete electives.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve
- New Program Proposals
 - Applied Mathematics and Statistics Major
 - Disability Studies Minor
 - Global History Major
- New Course Proposals
 - ARAB 250: Conservation in Arabic
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve this new course.
 - BIOL 313: Natural History: Observing Plants from Individuals to Ecosystem
 - Course was taught three times during the summer with less than 10 students each time but regular semester enrollment starting in the fall is expected to be higher.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - BIOL 467: Research in Molecular Parasitology
 - Previously taught.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - CYBR 458: Network Security
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - DGST 460: Digital Studies Seminar
 - New course as a capstone in the major.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - IDIS 196: Applying for Opportunities Abroad
 - 1-credit After Mary Washington course
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - IDIS 241: Developing Teaching Identities in STEM Disciplines
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - IDIS 242: Integrating Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (iCRP) in STEM
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - NURS 330: Systems-Based Practice
 - Mandated to maintain accreditation.
 - New course.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - NURS 350: Quality & Safety in Nursing Practice
 - Needed to maintain accreditation.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - NURS 360: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Nursing Practice
 - Needed to maintain accreditation.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 - PHYS 190: Physics Peer Journey
 - 1-credit, cohort building course.

- The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- PHYS 360: Statistical Mechanics w/Lab
 - New required course to ensure well-rounded PHYS grads.
 - Rebuilding and imagining new structure.
 - Small enrollments but typically have small enrollments.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- PSCI 382: International Human Rights
 - Taught previously with strong enrollment.
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
- PSYC 420: Career Explorations in Psychology
 - 1-credit After Mary Washington course
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve
- FSEM Committee Action Items
 - New Instructor Approval – Caitie Finlayson, Life Auditing FSEM
 - History Wars, Alex Honold
 - Arabic Cuisine, Maysoon Al-Sayed Ahmad
 - Mad Scientists, Bad Scientists, and Evil Geniuses, Kyle Schultz (this was technically an existing FSEM, but was approached as a new proposal since it's been a long time since the original course was taught.)
 - Homer's Odyssey, Angela Pitts
 - Thriving in College, (Add-instructor) Erin Palmwood
- [Distance and Blended Learning Committee Action Items](#)

VI. Unfinished and Continuing Business

- AOWG Outcomes/Updates?
- Day on Democracy class cancellations

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UFC will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at 4pm -- ZOOM

IX. Adjournment