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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

October 9, 1978 - 3:00 p.m.

Board Room - Burruss Hall

PRESENT: Provost J. D. Wilson, Chairman; Dr. R. J. Nurse, Vice-Chairman; Deans Atwell, Bonham, Ford, Gray, Humphreyville, Lacy, Regan, and Stout; Professors Eiss, Miller (Dr. Alvin Pettus substituted for Teates), Vasey, and Zody; and Senators Kennedy, Marshall, and VanLandingham.

ABSENT: Professors Fu, Leininger, and Oyler and the 4 student representatives who have not yet been appointed.

1. The agenda was approved.
2. Minutes of CUS meeting of September 25, 1978
 - a. Were corrected and approved.
 - b. Dr. Nurse reported that on items 9, 10, and 14 which were carried over from the September 25 meeting, he had sent a memo October 6, 1978, to the chairman of each college curriculum committee (1) asking them to use the agreed upon transmittal form for requesting course or program approvals, (2) to explain the course level (1000, 2000, 3000, or 4000) of new courses proposed, and (3) copies of the request form to be used for faculty-authored textbook approval were circulated also.
3. University Council report - Dr. Wilson - University Council received reports from the Athletic Association and the Building Committee. Eight or nine policy changes will be coming from the Graduate Commission to University Council over the next several months.
4. Course/program approval requests

AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

Approved New Course - Effective Fall, 1979
PLANT PATHOLOGY & PHYSIOLOGY 3050 - Plant Physiology Lab
(3L,1C)

Approved Modified Course - Effective Fall, 1979
PLANT PATHOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY 3040 - Plant Physiology
(3H,3C). The lab associated with 3040 is to be dropped and established as a separate one-credit course (see PLPP 3050 above. Changes in prerequisites for 3040 from 2 quarters of botany and physics and Chem 1033 to 2 quarters of biology or botany and Chem 1033.

In the discussion it was pointed out the form bearing the course description has an incorrect effective date, namely, Fall, 1978.

Accepted Horticulture options - Effective immediately. This report merely codifies current practice. It was noted 76 hours are required at the 3000 level or higher. 76 hours = 40% of the graduation requirement which is the existing pattern in the College with the exception of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Resources which has 50% required at the 3000 level or higher.

Accepted Minor in Poultry Science

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Deferred to 10/23/78 POLITICAL SCIENCE 4750, Internship Program
Questions still remain regarding the differences in an internship executed in Blacksburg from one practiced off-campus; the number of people one supervisor can handle; and the ways in which the project, reports required, and evaluation methods differ for internships and Co-op experiences. The Commission deferred further consideration of this course until October 23; Dean Stout will ask Dr. Judson James to attend that meeting to elaborate the course presentation.

ENGINEERING

Approved Modification of minor in Engineering Science and Mechanics
Change: Addition of ESM 3090, Introduction to Engineering Reliability, to electives from which 9 hours may be chosen.

5. Reports from Dean Gray were accepted:

CUS ACTIONS, 1977-78, Items Completed
CUS ACTIONS, 1977-78, Items Continued and Pending

6. Transcript study of 1977 graduating class

Dr. Wilson reported that he has heard from most colleges of the University.

Dr. Nurse will prepare copies of the departmental and college reports for CADAP members of CUS, and ask them to identify dominant themes in the responses. Members of CADAP will report findings to CUS.

7. CADAP report - Dean Regan. Transcript study was discussed further.

8. CONAP report - Dean Humphreyville

Report of Literacy Sub-committee - Report of survey of alumni attitudes regarding literacy was distributed.

Commission members, by the October 23 meeting, are to consider whether a faculty questionnaire on literacy would be useful.

CUS MINUTES - October 9, 1978

9. Report of University Scholarship and Student Aid Committee - Dean Lacy. Report is attached.
10. Commission endorsed an approval cycle for faculty-authored textbooks.
11. Meeting adjourned 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. Humphreyville
Secretary

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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

TO: Commission on Undergraduate Studies

FROM: M. P. Lacy, Chairman
University Scholarship and Student
Aid Committee

The University Scholarship and Student Aid Committee considered more than 6,300 requests for financial aid during the 1977-78 academic year and recommended awards for 3,536 individual students. One or more types of financial aid were awarded to 21% of all undergraduate students and approximately 56% of those who applied received assistance.

Grants totaling \$1,002,933 were received from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and from the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant programs in 1977-78 as compared with \$956,873 in 1976-77.

It is estimated that several hundred students received scholarships from outside sources including 24 from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and 29 from the Frank E. Page Scholarship Fund (Montgomery County students). More than 2,050 students applied for loans under the Guaranteed Student Loan Program and it is estimated that 1,550 students received these loans amounting to over \$2,300,000. A large number of undergraduate students worked part-time in non-work-study positions on campus.

The attached table summarizes awards administered by the Office of Financial Aid under the auspices of the University Scholarship and Student Aid Committee.

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FINANCIAL AID REPORT

Academic Year 1977-78

	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State Undergraduate	1,036	\$386,040
Hahn Engineering Merit	168	102,780
SEOG Initial	389	171,989
SEOG Renewal	212	86,603
All Others	215	164,470
Total Separate Individuals Receiving Scholarships & Amounts	<u>1,671</u>	<u>\$911,882</u>
Average Scholarships		\$546
Percent of Students Receiving Scholarships		9.8%
National Direct Student Loan	1131	\$742,309
Average Loan		\$656
Percent of Students Receiving Loans		6.7%
College Work Study Program	531	364,687
Average Earnings		\$687
Percent of Students Working on Program		3.0%
Basic Educational Opportunity Grants	1041	809,354
Average Award		\$787
Percent Receiving Grant		6.1%
State Council of Higher Education	780	193,579
Average Award		\$248
Percent Receiving Grant		4.6%
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Total of All Financial Aid For Undergraduates Administered by University		<u>\$3,021,811</u>