

MINUTES
University Curriculum Committee for General Education
December 3, 2025
2:30 pm
Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/84229621673>

Present: Angela Anderson (presiding), Stephen Biscotte, Kirsten Dean, Paul Deck, Molly Hall, Jason Malone, Caroline McInnish, Darby McPhail, Morty Mirzaei, Marian Mollin, Annie Ronan, Nasim Schwab, Dominick Scozzafava, Tasha Smith, Morgen Snowadzky, Jill Sundie, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Stacy Vogt Yuan, Travis Webster

Absent with Notice:

Absent: Kelly Cobourn

Guests: Jenni Gallagher, Josh Grace, Rachel Pitcher, William Taggart

Angela Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:33. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of November 5, 2025.

Angela Anderson noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu.

3. Unfinished Business

Angela Anderson shared that the UCCGE's recommendations for how to respond to CUSP 2025-26A were sent to CUSP. The CUSP will discuss it at their next meeting on December 8, 2025.

4. New Business

The committee unanimously approved *FL 2744: AI and Global Languages* for Pathways concepts 2 (Critical Thinking in the Humanities), 5a (Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking), and 10 (Ethical Reasoning)

The committee approved *LAHS 2124: Perspectives on Games and Humanity* for Pathways concepts 2 (Critical Thinking in the Humanities), 3 (Reasoning in the Social Sciences), and 11 (Intercultural and Global Awareness) with the following modifications:

- For each SLO, indicate how the outcomes will be assessed
- Align RSS #1 with a learning objective
- In the catalog description and topic syllabus, consider adding more references to the analyses that students will be engaging in.

Pathways decertifications per request of History Department on 11/12/25:

- Remove HIST 1515: History of Africa from Pathways
- Remove HIST 1516: History of Africa from Pathways
- Remove HIST 3144: American Environmental History from Pathways
- Remove HIST 3654: Arab Israeli Conflict from Pathways
- Remove HIST 1354: Conflict & Security in Modern East Asia from Pathways 3 *only* (keep 2 and 11)
- Remove HIST 3054: The American Civil War from Pathways 2 *only* (keep 1a and 11)
- Remove HIST 3544: WWII from Pathways 3 *only* (keep 2 and 10)

5. Reports

Program Review Subcommittee. Angela Anderson shared that the subcommittee discussed whether the committee should continue to explore removing classes from Pathways if students are not taking the classes for Pathways credit. Angela suggested that the subcommittee table their discussion until next fall, when they have two complete years of graduation data.

Proposal Review Subcommittee. Khanh Ngoc Tran shared that the subcommittee completed their proposal reviews for the month.

Advising Subcommittee. Paul Deck reported that the subcommittee had a discussion about Clifton Strengths as a potential tool for advisors. Nasim Schwab shared that a Strengths Academy will be held in January.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 pm.