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MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

May 11, 1981 - 3:00 p.m.
Board Room - Burruss Hall

PRESENT: Dr. Wilson, Chairman; Dr. Nurse, Vice Chairman; Deans Atwell, Bonham, Ford, Fordyce, Gray, Hanna, and Humphreyville; Senators Chiang, Cook, and Wortman; Professors Bambach, Craig, Dickerson, Leininger, Rosenberry, Teates for Sherman, and Vasey; SGA Representatives Anderson, Branham, Phillips and Train.

Special Note: Due to a conflict with the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Visitors, the next meeting of the CUS will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, in Room 315, Cheatham Hall.

1. The Agenda was approved with minor changes in order of presentation and deletion of "Textbook Approvals."
2. The Minutes of the CUS meeting of April 27 were approved.
3. Provost Wilson reported on the most recent meeting of the University Council. The major items of interest to CUS were the continued discussion of the proposed new sick leave policy and the discussion of increased student representation in the governance structure of the University.

4. Course Approvals

ENGINEERING

New Course - Effective Fall, 1981

1. ESM 4730 - An Introduction to the Finite Element Method (3H,3C). UG&G.
5. Dean Ford led the continued discussion on the report of the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid. It was suggested that the resolution on raising the ceiling on out-of-state students from 20 to 25 percent of the student body, approved by the Commission on April 13, be reworded slightly so as to avoid any possibility of ambiguity. Provost Wilson and Deans Atwell and Gray are to confer with Dr. Phlegar prior to making this editorial change.

Discussion then continued on the eight policy recommendations contained in the Committee report. Action was deferred on three of the recommendations; identifying specific high school subject areas in which grades of "C" or better would be required for admission, giving applicants the opportunity to list second and third choices of curricula when applying, and specifying additional admission requirements for international students. These items will be reworded and considered at the next meeting. An additional recommendation on the admission of women and minority students will also be offered.

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The remaining five recommendations were approved in principle but will be reworded by the Secretary for consistency of language and will be voted on in the new format at the next meeting.

Dean Ford also presented suggestions for a Catalog addition which would show, in summary fashion, projected costs for the average student at Virginia Tech. He is to consult with Dr. Phlegar about adding this helpful table to the Catalog.

6. The Commission Adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Prior to adjournment, Provost Wilson distributed a request from the College of Business for supplemental academic requirements for admission to and continuation in curricula in Business. This proposal will be discussed at the next meeting in conjunction with a similar proposal from Engineering.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Atwell
Secretary

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