

POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 240

TO: All Faculty

FROM: Charles W. Steger

DATE: January 15, 2007

**SUBJECT: Resolution to Change the Name of the University
Core Curriculum and the University Core
Curriculum Committee (Change to University
Council By-laws)**

Approved by UCCC: April 3, 2006
Approved by CUSP: April 24, 2006
Approved by University Council: October 2, 2006
Approved by the President: October 2, 2006
Effective Date: Fall Term 2006

The University Council on Recommendation of the University Core Curriculum Committee and with the endorsement of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, approved a resolution to change the name of the University Core Curriculum and the University Core Curriculum Committee.

Following is the text of that resolution.

Whereas, it has been recognized by the 2005 report of the Ad Hoc Core Curriculum Steering Committee on *Integrating Virginia Tech's General (Liberal) Education into the Undergraduate Curriculum* that the University Core Curriculum as presently structured is not a "core" curriculum, but a curriculum in general and liberal education; and,

Whereas, said report recommends that students be provided with the opportunity to integrate their general and liberal education more closely into their major fields of study; and

Whereas, there is a long history of the term "liberal education" at Virginia Tech as evidenced by the 1981 interim report of the University Committee on Liberal Education and the Professions and the 1992 report of the University Forum on Liberal Education,

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Therefore, be it resolved that the “University Core Curriculum” be renamed the “Curriculum for Liberal Education;” **furthermore, be it resolved** that the “University Core Curriculum Committee” be renamed the “University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education,” and that its charge be to provide leadership to the Curriculum for Liberal Education and to make final curricular recommendations to the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies concerning the inclusion of courses in the Curriculum for Liberal Education, effective Fall Term 2006.