Commission on Student Affairs
March 13, 2008
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Brush Mountain A & B
Squires Student Center

Minutes

Present: Phillip Fenstermacher for Bill Brubaker, Jessica Brunson, Virgilio Centeno, Rick Ferraro, Clint Griffon for Portia Galloway, Monika Gibson, Monica Hunter, Anna Williams for Frances Keene, Gary Kinder, Maureen Lawrence, Joseph McFadden, Margaret McQuain, Ingrid Ngai, Angie Puryear, Karen Eley Sanders, Guy Sims, Ed Spencer, Lynsey Stuart, Danielle Espino


I. Call to Order

Mr. Joe McFadden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

There was a motion to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Chair Report

No Report

IV. Old Business

A. Resolution on Dismissal of Patient from Care (2nd reading) – Dr. Rick Ferraro presented the resolution for second reading. When discussed at the February 21 meeting there was an issue regarding section 4.12.5, “Fee Payment Implications.” Upon further discussion and consideration, the wording was changed to indicate that a student dismissed from care at the health center but who is eligible to use the counseling center will continue to be billed the Student Health Fee. If a student is dismissed from care at both the health and counseling centers, the student will be charged only for the semester in which the dismissal took place, but not for future semesters in which they are ineligible for service on campus. A motion was made to
approve the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Resolutions for Changes to University Policies for Student Life (2nd reading) – Anna Williams presented the two UPSL resolutions for second reading.

Weapons Policy for University Policies for Student Life
In Section II, Student Code of Conduct – Weapons, a typo in a sentence on the first page needed to be corrected and as of this meeting has been corrected. There was a motion to adopt the policy as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

Interim Suspension Policy
No discussion. A motion was made to adopt the policy as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

V. New Business

A. GSA Constitutional Changes (1st reading) – Joe McFadden
Joe McFadden presented the changes to the GSA Constitution for first reading and outlined the changes. Under Article III – Membership, a statement was added saying that membership was free of cost. A question was raised as to how our satellite campuses would raise funds if membership was free. Mr. McFadden stated that the GSA in Blacksburg would support them financially and in addition, they could charge entry fees to their events or seek donations. Under Article IV, section I – Executive Board, the meeting occurrences were changed to say that the EB will meet twice monthly as the EB and once a semester with the Cabinet. Also, added to the term of office duration for all EB members was that membership initiates the first day of the month of June.

The frequency of cabinet meetings under section II – Cabinet, was changed to at least once a semester. To avoid overlap of similar programs, it was added to Grad & Prof. School Day under Article V, section I, that the event should be coordinated with other Virginia colleges and universities. In section II, Graduate and Professional School Day Chair – it was added that the responsibilities of the GPSD Chair would also include the overseeing of the planning and execution of the Grad Prof. School Day. The Budget Board and GSA Budget Board Chair were completely removed from Article VI, section I, – Committees and Commissions, and replaced with the Events Committee and Karen DePauw Graduate Fund Annual Review Committee. Listed under section III, the Editor of the APEX was renamed the GSA Historian with the same position responsibilities description. Plus, GSA Webmaster was added to that section. In Article VII – Elections and Appointments in GSA, the positions of Executive Assistant, section 8 and Office Manager, section 9 were removed and their descriptions/responsibilities were combined into one and renamed GSA Executive Assistant which is listed under Article VI, section II. Second reading will take place at the March 27 meeting.
VI. Open Forum

An article in the *Roanoke Times* was brought to the attention of the commission by Margaret McQuain. The article addresses concerns from faculty that undergraduate students are being ignored due to the university’s focus on research. Joe McFadden was asked to discuss this with the GSA and report any feedback. The article is located at the following link:

VII. Announcements

Homecoming Court information sessions about the application process will be held on Monday, March 17 – Thursday, March 20 at 8:00 p.m. Further information and locations for the meetings is available at the following website:

At the last Hokie Camp meeting it was suggested that faculty/staff speak with students about the need for counselors at Hokie Camp. Camp counselor applications will be available by next week. These are not paid positions, but are a great leadership opportunity. Rick Sparks is heading up this event.

Phil Vassar tickets are on sale; the concert is March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium.

On March 14 at the Overton Stepshow in Burruss Hall, The National Pan-Hellenic Council will be presenting four $500 scholarships that were awarded to undergraduate students based on applications received from them in February.

Graduate Education Week is March 24-28 and the Graduate Research Symposium will be held on March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in GLC Multipurpose Room.

The Undergraduate Research and Prospective Graduate Student Conference is being held on April 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Squires with 130 undergraduate students scheduled to give presentations.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Beaulieu
Recording Secretary