I. Call to Order

Mr. Joe McFadden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

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

III. Committee Reports

A. Student Budget Board Annual Funding Presentation and Appointment of Appeals Committee – Ms. Monica Hunter introduced students from the Student Budget Board. She then distributed copies of the Annual Funding documents for review. Total funds available and appropriated for this funding cycle were $1,018,344.

Mr. Steve Burrell asked for five volunteers to serve on the SBB Appeals Committee. The chair must be a faculty or staff member. The board will only meet if an appeal is submitted. The student groups have fourteen days to appeal. Dr. Guy Sims volunteered to serve as chair. Ingrid Ngai, Brennan Shepard and Maureen Lawrence will serve as members and two more will be chosen at a later date.

B. Update from Fee Committee – Brennan Shepard

Progress is being made in the discussions surrounding a $45 fee that graduate students are required to pay. There is a possibility of avoiding that fee by using direct withdrawal from students’ paychecks if they are doing an assistantship. Since funding and other resources that this program will require need to be allocated, a specific start date has not been established.
IV. Old Business

A. GSA Constitutional Changes (2nd reading) – Joe McFadden submitted the GSA Constitutional changes for the 2nd reading. He made one clarification regarding those changes. A motion to approve the changes was made. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Introduction of Finalists for the Graduate and Undergraduate Representatives to the Board of Visitors – Brennan Shepard introduced graduate candidates: Linsey Barker, James Freeman, and Lynsey Stuart. Ryan Smith introduced the undergraduate candidates: Arlane Gordon-Bray, Ingrid Ngai, and Stephen Smith. The candidates were given the opportunity to stand and tell the commission about themselves and their reasons for applying to the Board of Visitors.

V. Open Forum

VI. Announcements

The Ring Dance Banquet will be Friday, March 28th @ 7 p.m. and The Ring Dance will be Saturday, March 29th @ 8 p.m. Both events will be held in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom and Saturday.

The Homecoming Board is holding a Homecoming Theme Contest for this year’s homecoming. Deadline for submissions is April 25th. Visit the website at http://www.vthomecoming.org.vt.edu. Prizes will be awarded.

A flyer was handed out from the Council of International Student Organizations regarding “Beyond Borders” the 49th International Week. The flyer listed events dates starting Friday, April 4th through Sunday, April 13th. For more information, please email ciso@vt.edu or visit the website at www.ciso.org.vt.edu.

Applications will soon be available for the Summer Leadership Employment Program. One officer from each UCSO is eligible to participate in SLEP, which allows that officer to be paid for up to 20 hours per week to work for their organization over the summer. Participants are also involved in a leadership seminar where they have the opportunity to have discussions with university leadership, discuss common leadership issues, and other activities.

SGA Elections begin on April 2nd.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof will be in Burruss Auditorium on April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $7 for VT and $20 for general public.

VII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Beaulieu
Recording Secretary