
Absent with Notice: Steve Burrell, Michael Dunleavy, Caryl Gray, Erik Kneubuehl, Margaret McQuain, Laura Morgan, Brian Warren

Absent without Notice: Sumeet Bagai, Ron Daniel, Gary Kinder

I. Call to Order

Ms. Jory Zmuda Ruscio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Ruscio called for adoption of the agenda. There was a motion to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Chair Report

Ms. Ruscio indicated she had nothing to report.

IV. Tabled items

• BOC Constitution Changes - 2nd Reading - David Jones

Mr. David Jones made a motion to move the tabled item, Black Organization Council Constitution Changes, back to the floor for action. The motion was seconded and approved. Mr. Jones then presented the constitution changes for 2nd reading, and distributed a handout on the major changes. Following a brief question and answer period, there was a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and approved.
V.  Old Business

• Undergraduate BOV Selection Committee Vote

Ms. Ruscio announced that nominations for the seven undergraduate members from CSA who will serve on the BOV Undergraduate Selection Committee were closed on Tuesday, November 1, and the ballot sheet was included in the agenda packet. Those included on the ballot were: Scott Cheatham, Ron Forbes (who withdrew after the ballots were printed), Michael Goode, David Jones, Susie Kim, Brian Marroquin, Matt Streeter, and James Tyger. There was a motion to open the floor for further nominations. The motion was seconded and approved. The following people were nominated: Ron Forbes, Bhavik Shah, Michelle Dillon, Brandon Eason, Paula Spruill. All accepted the nomination.

The commission discussed the procedure for selecting the seven members of the selection committee, now that new people had been added to the ballot. The original nominees were asked to submit written materials about their qualifications for the position and their reason for wanting to serve. The commission received this information prior to the meeting. The new candidates would not have an opportunity to submit this information since the vote was scheduled to take place immediately.

There was a motion to ask all candidates to step out of the room, come back into the room alphabetically one by one, make a one minute speech, and then the vote would be taken after all speeches were heard. There was a friendly amendment to the motion: rather than a one minute speech, when the candidates leave the room, the commission will develop a question that will be asked of each candidate and they will be given one minute to respond when they return to the room. The candidates will remain in the room after they answer the question. The motion was seconded and approved.

The candidates left the room and those remaining discussed the question to be asked of each candidate. There was a motion to ask the following question: As you interview applicants for the undergraduate representative to the Board of Visitors, what qualities will you be looking for? The motion was seconded and approved. The group then discussed other possible voting procedures, and asked the candidates to return to the room so this discussion could be continued. The candidates had also discussed the voting procedures while they were out of the room, and had the following proposal: the candidates who were nominated at the meeting would withdraw so the vote could take place immediately. Ron Forbes, Michelle Dillon, Brandon Eason, and Paula Spruill withdrew from the nominations. Bhavik Shah wished to remain a candidate.

There was a motion to allow Mr. Shah to speak to the commission about why he wants to serve on the committee, and the vote would take place following his speech. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Shah was then asked to introduce himself and discuss his reasons for wanting to serve on the selection committee. Following his speech, the commission voted by secret ballot for the seven people who will serve on the committee. Those selected are: Scott Cheatham, Michael Goode, David Jones, Susie Kim, Brian Marroquin, Bhavik Shah, and Matt Streeter.
The process for choosing the selection committee next year will be discussed at the next CSA meeting.

VI. New Business

• Formation of Committees

Ms. Ruscio distributed a list of CSA committees and asked for volunteers to serve on the committees. The following people volunteered at the meeting. Volunteers will still be accepted by Ms. Ruscio via e-mail (jzmuda@vt.edu).

Campus Climate, Principles of Community
Lindsey Barker
Tom Brown
Ron Forbes
Michael Goode
Jamie Kalista
Jaquisha Kearson
Susie Kim
Navin Manjooran
Bhavik Shah
Matt Streeter
James Tyger

Faculty Advisors
Elizabeth Bieber
Steve Burrell
Monika Gibson
Brian Marroquin
Robert Sebek

Alcohol related issues
No volunteers

Recreation
Ed Spencer
Paula Spruill
Brian Whitaker

Parking & Traffic
Brandon
David Jones

VII. Announcements

Ms. Ruscio announced that the next meeting will be held on November 17. Agenda items should be submitted to Ms. Ruscio and Mr. Cheatham no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 11. She reminded the student members that they were invited to breakfast with the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors on Monday, November 7.
Ms. Elizabeth Bieber made the following VTU announcements: Pat Green concert at 8:00 p.m. on November 10 in Burruss Auditorium; Moscow Boys Choir at 7:30 p.m. on November 15 in Burruss Auditorium.

Mr. James Tyger announced that the Miami football game on November 5 would be the Maroon Effect game and encouraged everyone to wear their maroon t-shirts to the game. He announced that the deadline for absentee ballots for the November 8 election was November 3. Anyone wanting help with an off-campus lease can speak with Student Legal Services at 8:00 p.m. on November 8 in Brush Mt. A, Squires. University administrators will be speaking to students and others about the University Master Plan at 7:30 p.m. on November 9 in Colonial Hall, Squires.

Mr. Tom Brown announced that the Campus Climate Checkup will be held at 5:45 p.m. on November 14 in Commonwealth Ballroom, Squires.

Dr. Ed Spencer announced that two or three Oak Lane houses will be made available for groups wanting to live together. Applications are due on Friday, November 18.

Dr. Zenobia Hikes encouraged student organizations to come early to the Miami game to avoid congestion at the gates. Hokie fans should come early to participate in The Walk with the football team, Hightie Tighties, and cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m. on Spring Road.

Ms. Jennifer Jessie announced that the Board of Visitors would meet on November 6 and 7. She and Navin Manjooran will give their constituency reports at the meeting. She encouraged students to contact her or Mr. Manjooran if they have any issues that should be shared with the Board.

Ms. Jory Ruscio announced that Dr. Zenobia Hikes would be the speaker at the Graduate Life Center Speaker Series at 4:30 p.m. on November 11 in Room F, Graduate Life Center. The title of the presentation is “Living your Life with Purpose and Passion.” Refreshments will be served at 4:15 p.m.

Ms. Jaquisha Kearson announced that the Corps of Cadets will be traveling to Mississippi during Thanksgiving Break to help with rebuilding efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims. Others are welcome to join the group.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach, Recording Secretary