Minutes  
Commission on Student Affairs  
Brush Mountain Room B  
April 10, 1997  
3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Dr. Lanny Cross, Mr. Steve Schneider, Ms. Amy Pucci (for Ms. Tekisha Everette), Ms. Jennifer Ginther, Ms. Anne Cupina (for Mr. Jim O'Connell), Mr. Raphael Castillejo, Mr. Gary Markle, Mr. Adam Boitnott, Ms. Ningling Wang, Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. Erin Graham, Ms. Kelli Campbell, Ms. Melinda Crowder, Ms. Delia Grenville, Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. Dave Ostroth, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dean Andy Swiger, Dr. Kerry Redican, Ms. Phoebe Crofts, Dr. Delores Scott, Mr. Robert Moser, Mr. Chris Bunin, Ms. Monica Ko, and Mr. Brian Wiersema.

Absent: Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Ms. Tekisha Everette, Mr. Jim O'Connell, Mr. Robert Kottkamp, Dr. Kenneth Rystrom, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Mike Rush, and Dr. Johann Norstedt.

Guests: Ms. Sharon Yeagle.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions. Mr. Aughenbaugh called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Introductions were made at this time.

2. Approval of Agenda. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of March 27, 1997 CSA Minutes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the March 27, 1997 minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

4. Interviews with Undergraduate Board of Visitors Representative Candidates. Mr. Aughenbaugh distributed copies of potential questions to be used for the final six Board of Visitors undergraduate representatives interview process. He noted that two questions needed to be selected by Commission to be used in this process. After review of the potential questions, questions 1, 2, 6, and 7 were nominated to be used. By show of hands, Commission members selected questions 2 and 6 to be used. Question 2 received 13 votes, and question 6 received 15 votes.

Mr. Aughenbaugh requested Ms. Monica Ko to ask each candidate question #2 after their presentations. Mr. Aughenbaugh requested Mr. Raphael Castillejo to ask each candidate question #6 after their presentation. The chair also requested Ms. Erin Graham to be the timekeeper for each candidate. It was the consensus of the Commission to present the candidates in alphabetical order. Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that after all of the candidates presentations were completed, Commission would go into executive session and vote for three candidates to be presented to the Board of Visitors on April 20.

Kimball W. Green, Krista L. Johnston, and Sarah Catherine Nau were selected to be presented to the Board of Visitors on April 20, 1997. These candidates will give presentations to the Board and one candidate will be selected as the new undergraduate representative to the Board of Visitors for 1997-98.

5. New Business. A. Selection of 1997-98 CSA Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Aughenbaugh stated the Commission needed to select a chair and vice chair
for CSA for 1997-98. He requested nominations from the floor. Ms. Jennifer Ginther and Mr. Raphael Castillejo were nominated to be candidates for the position of chair of CSA. Ms. Ginther and Mr. Castillejo spoke to Commission regarding their interest in this position.

Ms. Grenville made a motion for Ms. Ginther and Mr. Castillejo to leave the room in order for Commission to discuss their candidacies for the position of chair. Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

After discussion, Commission voted by secret ballot, and Ms. Ginther was elected as chair of CSA for 1997-98.

Mr. Aughenbaugh requested nominations from the floor for the position of vice chair of CSA. Mr. Adam Boitnott and Mr. Raphael Castillejo were nominated as candidates for this position.

Mr. Boitnott and Mr. Castillejo both spoke to Commission regarding their interest in this position. Motion was made and seconded for Mr. Boitnott and Mr. Castillejo to leave the room so Commission could discuss their candidacy for the position. There were eight positive votes and 10 negative votes. Motion failed.

Commission members voted by secret ballot and Mr. Castillejo was elected as vice chair of CSA for 1997-98.

B. Appeals of SBB 1997-98 Funding Recommendations. Mr. Aughenbaugh distributed to Gary Markle, chair of the Student Budget Board appeals subcommittee two appeals of the SBB funding recommendations for 1997-98. These appeals were submitted by the VTCC Skipper Crew and the Council of International Student Organizations. The appeals subcommittee will review the two appeals to determine if the criteria has been met and whether the appeal has merit. If the appeals subcommittee determines the appeal has merit, the appeal will be presented to the Commission on April 24 to determine if the appeal will be granted.

Mr. Aughenbaugh requested the SBB appeals subcommittee to contact him by April 22 and advise him if either or both of the appeals will be on the April 24 agenda. Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that one of the subcommittee members, Jim Friel, had been replaced by Erin Graham.

C. GSA Resolution on On-Campus Graduate Housing - First Reading. Ms. Grenville presented a resolution on the future of on-campus graduate student housing for first reading. The resolution denotes that the Graduate Student Assembly asks the university administration to make a specific commitment to ensure the present quality and quantity of on-campus graduate housing at Virginia Tech. The GSA also requests the university administration to include the graduate student leadership and administrators from RDP, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Graduate School in concrete discussions establishing specific alternative locations for on-campus graduate housing in the event that Hillcrest Hall is lost to other uses in the near or long term.

The resolution will be presented to CSA for second reading on April 24, 1997.

D. Chair's Comments. Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that University Council had approved the M-W-F class resolution regarding a change in the time in between classes. This new change will go into effect Fall, 1998.
Mr. Aughenbaugh also announced that Provost Meszaros had contacted him regarding a search committee that is being formulated for the Vice President for Student Affairs position. He noted that the new graduate and undergraduate student representatives to the Board of Visitors will be serving on this committee. The committee hopes to have this position filled by January, 1998.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Haden, Secretary