I. Call to Order. Ms. Madonna Mendoza, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Ms. Mendoza reported that the minutes of the March 18, 1999 meeting of CSA had been approved electronically.

II. Approval of Agenda. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

III. New Business

A. Undergraduate Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors

Mr. Sean Blackburn, vice chair, made a motion for the Commission on Student Affairs to convene in closed session for the purpose of selecting the three finalists for the position of Undergraduate Student Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. Motion was seconded and passed. Ms. Mendoza reviewed the procedures for the interviews and selected two members, Ms. Laura Bayless and Dr. Edd Sewell, to ask the two questions of the candidates which had been pre-selected by the CSA members. Ms. Mendoza asked Mr. Brad Ramsey to keep the time for the candidates' presentations. The candidates were interviewed, and asked the two questions. They were allotted five minutes for their presentation, and two minutes to answer each of the questions. The commission members voted by secret ballot for the three candidates who would be sent forward to the selection committee of the Board of Visitors. The Board will meet on Sunday, April 25, 1999. The three finalists are: Mr. Ramsey Duck, Ms. Jovette Gadson, and Mr. Darin Oduyoye. Ms. Mendoza thanked all of the candidates for their time and the effort they put forth in this process. A motion was made and seconded to move out of closed session. A motion was made and seconded to approve the decision made during closed session. Motion passed.

B. Announcement of the Semi-finalists for the Graduate Student Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors
Ms. Roxene Thompson announced the names of the three semi-finalists for the Graduate Student Representative to the Board. Those names are: Ms. Elaine Humphrey, a graduate student in the masters program of Higher Education and Student Affairs in the College of Human Resources and Education; Mr. Glenn Rioux, enrolled in the Computer Science five-year BS/MS program; and Ms. Jennifer Yang, a master of public administration candidate in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. The candidates will be introduced to CSA at the April 15 meeting.

C. Student Budget Board Funding and Appeal Process

Ms. Nicki Cantrell distributed a copy of the memorandum that was sent to the University Student Life Programs and University Chartered Student Organizations and reviewed the procedures for Student Budget Board appeals. She reported that the Student Budget board completed the review of the 1999-2000 annual budget requests for USLPs and UCSOs. Seventeen organizations requesting $651,052 are funded for a total of $523,171 or 80% of aggregate requests. In contrast, undergraduate and graduate registered student organizations were funded at less than 50% of aggregate requests. Appeals will be considered by the Commission on Student Affairs on April 15. Ms. Cantrell stated that organizations wishing to appeal the recommendations should submit a written statement to the secretary of CSA by 5:00 p.m. on April 8. According to the funding policies established by the Commission on Student Affairs, appeals may only be based on the following criteria:

1. Established policies and procedures were not followed.
2. The organization was denied the opportunity to present significant evidence at the time of the hearing.
3. The funding decision was arbitrary and capricious.

The fact that the Board did not fund an item at the requested level does not constitute grounds for appeal.

Ms. Cantrell reported that the requests far exceeded the funding. A major organization was added to the list this year, and two other organizations turned in requests for a far greater amount than in previous years. She stated that an additional $30,000 has been requested, and if received the organizations will be notified that contingency funds will be available. She reported that funding was at a higher level this year, 80%, compared to 77% last year.

Ms. Cantrell requested that the issue of funding for a notable speakers series as a collaborative university effort be added to the agenda for the Commission on Student Affairs next year.

Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the funding recommendations of the Student Budget Board. Motion passed.

III. Old Business

A. Code of Conduct Resolution

Mr. Jody Olson made a motion to table the Student Government Association Code of Conduct Resolution until the next meeting, April 15. Motion was seconded and passed.
V. Announcements

A. Ms. Mendoza distributed materials forwarded to CSA from Dr. Peter Rony, titled "1997-98 Faculty Senate Campus Climate Committee Full Report."

B. Mr. Ferat Sahin announced that International Week starts Friday, April 2, and continues until April 12. He reported that African Night is Friday, and the Street Fair is on Saturday.

C. Ms. Lori Crowe thanked the commission members who came to the Colin Powell event.

D. Ms. Mendoza announced that the Filipino/American Student Association is holding its 11th Annual Culture Night on Saturday. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., food sampling begins at 6:15 p.m., and it is free. This month, every weekend, each organization under the umbrella of the Asian American Student Union will be hosting their culture shows. Next week is the Vietnamese Student Association, the weekend after that is the Society of Indian/Americans, and the weekend following that is the Chinese/American Society.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.