Commission on Student Affairs

April 15, 2004
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mt. B
Squires Student Center

Minutes

Present: Sumeet Bagai, Allan Bradley, Tom Brown, Myrna Callison, Mandy Cocco, Cristin Coles, Ginny Fowler, Arun Krishnan, Alvin Manalo for Elaine Kwan, Matthew Lieber, Kasey Martin, Vivek Mehta, Kim Mitchell, Vishal Nakra, Grant Otto, Brooke Randa, Roberta Snelling, Pat Colleran for Nic Temple, Nicole Ton, Kelly Williams

Absent: Lanny Cross, Monika Gibson, Caryl Gray, Pankaj Gupta, Ben Kearney, Ellen Krupar, Clarresa Morton, Jerry Niles, Keniah Robinson, Jane Warner, Chris Wise

Guests: Mike Barnett, Melanie Roberts, Jason Shank

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vivek Mehta, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Mehta called for adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted as written.

III. Minutes of April 1st Meeting

Mr. Mehta announced that the minutes of the April 1 meeting have been sent to the commission for electronic approval.

IV. Old Business

A. Resolution Requesting the Blacksburg Council Members to Revisit the Noise Ordinance

Mr. Sumeet Bagai presented Resolution Requesting the Blacksburg Council Members to Revisit the Noise Ordinance for second reading. Mr. Mike Barnett, Legislative Action Chair in the Student House of Representatives, was present to address questions during the question/answer period. Following the question/answer period, there was a motion to approve the resolution. The motion passed with three abstentions. The approved resolution will be forwarded to Town Council.

B. Core Curriculum Committee’s Resolution to Revise the Writing-Intensive Requirement

Dr. Clarresa Morton introduced this resolution at the April 1 meeting and the commission decided to take it back to their constituent groups for comments.
before voting. Following a discussion period, there was a motion to table the resolution until more faculty members are present to give their views on the resolution. The motion passed. The resolution will be discussed again at the final meeting of the year on April 29.

C. Resolution to Change Drillfield Parking Procedures

Mr. Sumeet Bagai indicated that he has discussed the Resolution to Change Drillfield Parking Procedures with other commission members and decided to leave the resolution on the table until further notice. He discussed setting up an ad hoc committee that would be responsible for gathering additional data, such as current usage of the Drillfield parking spaces. The data would be presented to the commission during Fall Semester. Following a question/answer period, there was a motion to create an ad hoc committee to study Drillfield parking, with committee membership of two graduate students, two undergraduate students, one faculty member, and one staff member. The motion passed. Mr. Mehta asked for nominations for committee chair. Mr. Bagai was the only nomination and he accepted the position. Mr. Mehta gave him the charge of appointing the committee and then asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to serve. Ms. Kasey Martin volunteered to serve as one of the graduate student representatives. Mr. Bagai will contact the commission via email to ask for additional volunteers. The committee will meet after the membership is determined.

D. Resolution Requesting Department Heads to Ask Teachers toProvide Mid-Semester Evaluations

Mr. Sumeet Bagai said the SGA plans to keep Resolution Requesting Department Heads to Ask Teachers to Provide Mid-Semester Evaluations on the table and continue to work on it over the summer. They will discuss the resolution with Faculty Senate and other groups and bring it back to the commission during Fall Semester.

E. Nominations for 2004-2005 CSA Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Vivek Mehta discussed the responsibilities of CSA chair and vice chair. He announced that Ms. Kasey Martin and Mr. Sumeet Bagai have been nominated for chair for 2004-2005. Mr. Grant Otto and Ms. Myrna Callison have been nominated for vice chair. He opened the floor for additional nominations. Being none, the nominations were closed.

F. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Mehta distributed a handout on election procedures and discussed how the elections would proceed. He polled each candidate to determine their eligibility to serve. Each candidate will have a seat on CSA next year, and are thus qualified.

Mr. Bagai and Ms. Martin gave brief presentations on their qualifications for the position of chair. A question/answer period for the candidates followed each presentation. Following a discussion period, there was a motion to vote by secret ballot. Mr. Mehta announced that Ms. Kasey Martin has been elected as chair for next year.
There was a motion to table the election of vice chair until the April 29 meeting due to time constraints. The motion passed.

V. New Business

A. National Pan-Hellenic Council

1. Constitution
   Ms. Melanie Roberts distributed copies of the National Pan-Hellenic Council constitutional changes for first reading and discussed the changes. Mr. Mehta asked Ms. Roberts to e-mail a summary sheet of the changes to CSA by Tuesday, April 20. Second reading of the constitution will take place at April 29 meeting.

2. Commission Membership Request
   Ms. Roberts distributed for first reading a memorandum and resolution from the National Pan-Hellenic Council requesting a seat on the Commission on Student Affairs. NPHC is the only University Chartered Student Organization that does not hold a seat on the commission. Second reading will take place at the April 29 meeting.

B. Residence Hall Federation Constitution

Ms. Kelly Williams distributed the Residence Hall Federation constitutional changes for first reading and discussed the changes. Second reading will take place at the April 29 meeting.

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach
Recorder