Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
219 Squires Student Center
April 18, 1996
3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Bryan Rowland, Dr. Lanny Cross, Mr. Jay Hulings, Ms. Lisa Furjanic, Mr. Jason Lubliner (for Mr. Rutherford Watkins), Mr. Tim Singstock (for Mr. Jim O'Connell), Mr. Gary Markle, Ms. Nicole Kiger, Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. January White (for Ms. Christina Firestone), Mr. Robby Johnson, Mr. Jim Locke, Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dean Andy Swiger, Ms. Judy Davis, Mr. Sam Peavy, Ms. Sarah Dotti, and Mr. Dan Waddill, and Ms. Barbara Cowles.

Absent: Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Mr. Rutherford Watkins, Mr. Jim O'Connell, Mr. Nachiketa Tiwari, Dr. Jim McKenna, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Jason Sawyer, Ms. Christina Firestone, Professor Robert Graham, and Dr. Kerry Redican.

Guests: Ms. Sharon Yeagle, Mr. Bill Campion, Mr. Jim Friel, Ms. Alicia Cohen, Mr. Robert Kottkamp, and Mr. Alan Glick.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Rowland called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Rowland requested that the election of the new chair of CSA be placed as item two under Unfinished Business. Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Announcements

Mr. Waddill noted that the Search Committee for the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs had invited five candidates to campus for interviews. He stated that student members were invited to a session for each candidate and encouraged participation.

Ms. Dotti noted that she had prepared an information packet for the Student Representative to the Board of Visitors for the Commission. The secretary of CSA will send this information electronically to each member.

IV. Approval of CSA Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 4, 1996 CSA minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading of the SGA Constitution. After review of the SGA Constitution from Commission, motion was made by Jay Hulings to approve the constitution as submitted. Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

2. Election of New Chair of CSA. The chair opened the floor for nominations for chair of CSA for 1996-97. Mr. Aughenbaugh nominated himself as chair. Dr. Spencer made a motion that Mr. Aughenbaugh be
elected as chair by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gary Markle was nominated for vice-chair of CSA for 1996-97. Mr. Peavy made a motion that Mr. Markle be elected as vice-chair of CSA by acclamation. Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

3. Report from the SBB Appeals Subcommittee. Mr. Rowland stated that the SBB Appeals Subcommittee had not met as a group to review the two appeals of the SBB allocation decisions. He requested that the Commission review both appeals and decide whether or not the appeals would be granted a hearing from the Commission. He distributed copies of the appeals from SGA and VTU for Commission members to review. He also distributed a copy of the SBB guidelines for appeals. He asked Mr. Campion to review these guidelines with Commission. Mr. Campion noted that the appeals needed to be based on one of the following criteria:

a) Established policies and procedures were not followed.
b) The organization was denied the opportunity to present significant evidence at the time of the hearing.
c) The funding decision was arbitrary and capricious.

SGA Appeal

Mr. Hulings stated that the SGA appeal was based on the second criteria. After discussion from the Commission, Mr. Hulings withdrew his appeal.

VTU Appeal

Ms. Kiger stated that the VTU appeal was based on the second and third criteria. After discussion from the Commission, Mr. Aughenbaugh made a motion that Commission not hear the VTU appeal based on the second criteria. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved. There were 10 positive votes, 1 negative vote, and 3 abstentions.

Dr. Spencer made a motion that Commission hear the VTU appeal based on the third criteria. Motion was seconded. There were 10 positive votes, 1 negative vote, and 3 abstentions.

After discussion among Commission, Dr. Goree made a motion to deny the VTU appeal based on the third criteria. Motion was seconded. There were 11 positive votes, 3 negative votes, and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

VI. New Business

1. Discussion of User Fee Alternatives. After discussion among Commission members, it was the consensus of the group that there should be more student involvement regarding discussions on the increase of student fees. Another issue that Commission members might be interested in further discussion is the increase in funding for the Student Budget Board. There was a suggestion made from the Commission to invite Mr. Ridenour to a meeting in the Fall, 1996 to discuss some of these issues with CSA.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.