MINUTES
COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
April 20, 2000
Room 219
Squires Student Center
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Susan Anderson, Ms. Laura Bayless, Mr. Sean Blackburn, Dr. Dave Ostroth for Dr. Lanny Cross, Mr. Richard Affleck for Ms. Kimberly DeGuise, Mr. Stephen Kantz for Ms. Rachal Emery, Dr. JoAnn Emmel, Ms. Ashley Marshall for Ms. Jovette Gadson, Mr. Jonathan Harmer, Ms. Amy Elliott for Mr. Ken Keane, Mr. Drew Lichtenberger, Mr. James Martin, Ms. Kylie Felps for Mr. Aaron McClung, Dr. Barbara Pendergrass, Mr. Charles Rose, Ms. Heidi Ryan, Dr. Edd Sewell, Dr. Ed Spencer, Mr. David Fowler for Mr. Jeff Sutton, Mr. Pat Wachendorf, Ms. Alyssa Williams

Absent: Ms. Laetitia Boutemy, Ms. Erica Burroughs, Ms. Elaine Humphrey, Ms. Marquea King, Mr. Steven Lui, Mr. Darin Oduyoye, Mr. Brad Ramsey, Dr. Martha Johnson Reifsnider, Dr. Jennie Reilly, Dr. Brian Warren

Guests: Ms. Nique Lannon, Mr. Doug Plante, Ms. Emmy Weber,

I. Call to Order

A. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Blackburn asked the new commission members to introduce themselves. Mr. Blackburn announced that the April 6 CSA minutes have been electronically approved and forwarded to University Council. He also announced that the CSA resolution regarding changes to the University Policies for Student Life 2000-2001 was passed by University Council on April 17 and will go to the Board of Visitors in June. There will be a special CSA meeting on April 27 to complete unfinished business for the year. Refreshments will be provided.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Blackburn made a motion that the agenda be amended to include "Selection of Representative to the Academic Support Committee." The motion was seconded and the agenda was approved with the change.

III. Approval of Budget Board Minutes

The minutes of the Student Budget Board were approved as submitted.

IV. New Business

A. Alcohol Free Activities

Mr. Steve Clarke, Coordinator of Alcohol Prevention Programs, introduced
consultants from Circle Network, Mr. Brandon Busteed and Ms. Jennifer Michaels. Circle Network is working with Mr. Clarke to find student social activities for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights to compete with alcohol related activities. This year Virginia Tech spent $46,000 on this type of activities. Circle Network has met with student focus groups, student leaders, and university officials to get ideas for alcohol-free programming. They distributed a summary report of these ideas. The commission shared their ideas for programming. Circle Network will be back on campus this fall and would like to have continued feedback from the commission. Comments or suggestions may be sent to Mr. Clarke at sclarke@vt.edu or to Circle Network at info@circlenetwork.org.

B. Student Budget Board Interviews

Ms. Alyssa Williams, Coordinator for Student Organization Finance, explained the Student Budget Board application process. She then introduced Ms. Danielle Poll for appointment to the SBB. There was a motion to approve Ms. Poll’s appointment. The motion was seconded and approved. Ms. Williams said they will reopen the application process this fall semester when students return.

V. Old Business

A. Review of Changes to GSA Constitution (2nd Reading)

The changes to the GSA Constitution were presented for second reading. There was a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Committee Reports

1) Student Budget Board Appeals Committee

Dr. Ed Spencer, chair of the SBB Appeals Committee, reported the committee had one appeal request from LGBTA. After reviewing the request, the appeals committee decided not to send the request forward.

2) Honor System Funding Subcommittee

Dr. Edd Sewell reported that the Honor System Funding Subcommittee met on April 20 to discuss where the Honor System fits into the university structure and how their deficit problem can be solved. The subcommittee is planning to meet again the week of April 24.

VI. Election of CSA Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Blackburn discussed the responsibilities of the CSA chair and vice chair, then opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Marquea King was nominated for Chair, seconded and approved. Ms. Kylie Felps was nominated for Vice Chair, seconded and approved. There was a motion to reopen the floor for nominations at the April 27 meeting and hold the elections at that time. The motion was seconded and approved.

VII. Election of Academic Support Committee Representative

Ms. Laura Bayless, this year’s representative to the Academic Support Committee, discussed the responsibilities of the committee. Mr.
Blackburn opened the floor for nominations. There were none, so the floor will be reopened for nominations on April 27 and the election held at that time.

VII. Announcements

A. Multicultural Awareness Programs (MAPs)

Mr. Doug Plante, a member of the Dean of Students' Multicultural Awareness Program (MAPs), invited the commission to participate in the Celebration of Diversity on August 30 and discussed some of the programs they will be having. For more information, contact their office at diversity@vt.edu.

B. Other Announcements

Ms. Susan Anderson announced that a van from Virginia Tech will travel to the Gay/Lesbian Rights March in Washington, DC, on April 30. Anyone interested in boarding the van should contact Ms. Sharon Snow at the Women's Center.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.