Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
Brush Mountain Room
April 24, 1997
4:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Dr. Lanny Cross, Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Ms. Rosalyn Dukeman (for Mr. Steve Schneider), Ms. Tekisha Everette, Ms. Jennifer Ginther, Mr. Raphael Castillejo, Mr. Gary Markle, Mr. Adam Boitnott, Ms. Ningling Wang, Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. Erin Graham, Ms. Kelli Campbell, Ms. Melinda Crowder, Dr. Cathy Goree, Ms. Sherri Malone (for Dr. Dave Ostroth), Dr. Edward Spencer, Ms. Phoebe Crofts, Dr. Delores Scott, Mr. Robert Moser, Mr. Chris Bunin, and Ms. Monica Ko.

Absent: Mr. Steve Schneider, Mr. Jim O'Connell, Mr. Robert Kottkamp, Dr. Kenneth Rystrom, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Mike Rush, Ms. Delia Grenville, Dr. David Ostroth, Dean Andy Swiger, Dr. Johann Norstedt, Dr. Kerry Redican, and Mr. Brian Wiersema.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions. Mr. Aughenbaugh called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Introductions were made at this time.

2. Approval of Agenda. The chair added Athletic Ticket Policy and Procedures as item "C" under Old Business. Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of CSA Minutes of April 10, 1997. Motion was made and seconded to approve the CSA minutes of April 10, 1997. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

4. Chairs' Comments. Mr. Aughenbaugh distributed a copy of a memo to members of the Commission reference his closing remarks. He noted that the memo would be an attachment to the April 24, 1997 CSA minutes.

Mr. Aughenbaugh distributed a copy of a memo regarding the grading reform resolution from John Seiler, chair of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies. The memo from Dr. Seiler states that the resolution did not get sent to the Committee on Academic Policies due to the fact that there was little or no support for the resolution.

The chair disseminated four articles from the Roanoke Times. These articles discussed the Building Boom at Virginia Tech, Female Faculty Hires at Virginia Tech, Tech Policy for Athletes, and 4-6% Pay Hike Set at Tech.

Dean Goree distributed an informational sheet to Commission members regarding drug usage on campus. She noted the number of student violations for illegal drug activity had increased since 1991-92.

5. Old Business. A. GSA Resolution on Graduate Housing – 2nd Reading. In the absence of Delia Grenville, Mr. Chris Bunin discussed the GSA Resolution regarding the future of on-campus graduate student housing. Mr. Bunin stated that GSA requests that the university administration make a specific commitment to maintain the present quality and quantity of on-campus graduate housing at Virginia Tech. After discussion of the resolution, motion was made and seconded to approve the GSA resolution. Motion was approved. There were two abstentions. The resolution will be submitted to University Council for first reading at the September 15, 1997
B. Student Leader Input on New Academic Eligibility Policy. Dr. Delores Scott, Director of Academic Enrichment, discussed with Commission members ways in which the Office of Academic Enrichment provided academic support to the students. The VT Academic Success Program (VTASP) is a combination of academic support services coordinated to provide personnel assistance to a select group of freshman and sophomore students. The Office of Academic Enrichment also provides athletic advising service. There is a structured study hall for all VT undergraduate students. The office also offers free tutoring in select subjects to all individual students. Students can receive peer based tutorial assistance in Hillcrest Hall, in the residence halls, or by using the internet. In addition, the Office of Academic Enrichment offers a program called Project Success which is a confidential, non-credit goal setting and self assessment seminar for students who have less than a 2.0 QCA.

Dr. Scott requested input from the Commission members in regard to the kinds of things their office can do in the way of academic support. There was suggestions from the Commission members that possibly the sites for academic advising could be extended. It was also noted that more programs could be offered i.e. advanced study skills, and time management. These programs could be incorporated into the orientation program. It was also suggested that a web site be established in order to get information out to students. There was also a recommendation to provide information to faculty members so that it could be placed on their syllabus for student use.

After some discussion, Dr. Scott requested Commission members to e-mail to her at caee@vt.edu if they had further input regarding academic support for students.

C. Athletic Ticket Policy and Procedures. In Fall, 1996 the chair gave the subcommittee of CSA a task to work with the Athletic Department to come up with a new football ticket distribution policy and to look at seating arrangements at football games. Jay Hulings, chair of the subcommittee, reported in March 1997 that the Athletic Department was still reviewing what could be done in terms of football ticket distribution. The chair noted that since it was the end of the semester he wanted to get some volunteers who would be here on campus this summer to meet with the Athletic Department on behalf of CSA regarding this particular issue.

The following people volunteered to serve on this committee: Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Mr. Chris Bunin, Mr. Raphael Castillejo, Ms. Erin Graham, Ms. Kellie Campbell, Dr. Edward Spencer, Mr. Steve Schneider, and Mr. John Arp.

The chair asked Ms. Graham to chair this committee. They are to give a report at the first CSA meeting in the Fall regarding the meetings with the Athletic Department.

Dean Goree and Dr. Spencer reminded Commission that the subcommittee of CSA and the Athletic Department jointly agreed that "Camping Out" would not be a part of the new policy.

6. New Business

A. Report on Board of Visitors Meeting. The chair requested this item be
moved to the end of the New Business after the appeal from the Skipper Crew is heard. Mr. Moser noted that he would have to leave the meeting to attend class at 5:00 p.m. The chair requested Mr. Moser and Mr. Bunin to email to the secretary their report on the Board of Visitors meeting.

B. Appeals Committee Recommendations. The chair noted there were two appeals of the Student Budget Board annual funding recommendations. The job of the appeals committee is to decide if each of the appeals had merit to warrant a hearing before the Commission. After listening to each of the recommendations the job of the Commission is to decide whether or not to accept or reject each individual recommendation.

Mr. Markle stated the first appeal was from the Council of International Student Organizations (CISO) regarding airport pickup service from the Roanoke airport for international students. The second appeal was from the Corps of Cadets Skipper Crew.

Mr. Markle stated that the appeals committee was recommending that the CISO appeal not be forwarded to CSA for a full hearing. The appeal was based on two criteria. (1) funding decision was arbitrary and capricious. The committee found that the Budget Board was extensive and thorough in their deliberations and was not arbitrary and capricious. (2) Student Budget Board policies and procedures were not followed. The committee found that the Budget Board used the same criteria for determining the student appeals as it did for the rest of the organizations regarding funding and the Budget Board policies and procedures were followed.

Mr. Markle made a motion that CSA accept the committee's recommendation that the CISO appeal not be forwarded to the full Commission for a hearing. Motion was seconded. Motion carried with majority vote. There was one abstention.

Mr. Markle stated that the committee is recommending that the appeal from the Skipper Crew be forwarded to Commission for a full hearing. The appeal was based on the grounds that the organization was not able to present sufficient information at the time of the hearing.

Mr. Markle made a motion that the appeals committee recommends that the full Commission hear the appeal from the Skipper Crew. Motion was seconded. Motion carried with majority vote. There was one abstention.

The chair noted that the appeal would not be heard until after the last item on the agenda was heard.

C. CISO Resolution – First Reading. A copy of the Council of International Student Organizations (CISO) Pick Up Service Resolution was distributed to Commission for their review. After review, Ms. Ningling Wang, Treasurer of CISO, discussed the resolution with Commission. She noted that the resolution is requesting the University to support the pick-up service. The service involves picking up international students at the Roanoke Regional Airport and transporting them to Virginia Tech.

After discussion by the Commission, Dr. Lanny Cross and Dr. Bruce Chaloux stated they would each contribute $1200 to support this service for Fall, 1997. The Cranwell International Center should include in their budget request money to support this project in future years. The resolution was withdrawn from the table.
D. Skipper Crew Appeal. After a lengthy discussion from Commission members and Skipper Crew members, Mr. Adam Boitnott made a motion to partially fund the Skipper Crew appeal at a level of $1500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Bunin. The motion failed. There were 4 positive votes, 10 negative votes, and 2 abstentions.

Ms. Gerri Johns then made a motion to fully fund the Skipper Crew appeal at a level of $2314. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gary Markle. The motion passed. There were 10 positive votes, 5 negative votes, and 1 abstention.

7. Announcements

Mr. Aughenbaugh requested that everyone examine his closing remarks, which he distributed at the beginning of the meeting. He thanked everyone for a really enjoyable year.

Dr. Spencer moved to have the Commission recognize, by affirmation, the exceptional work done by the Commission's chair and vice chair, John Aughenbaugh and Gary Markle. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goree and passed with resounding applause.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Haden
Recording Secretary