
Absent: Susan Anderson, Kim Beisecker, Thanh Doan, Kimberlee Fulcher, Grant Hill, Kasey Martin, Kerry Redican, Vashonta Roach, Linda Sikhammountry

Visitors: Tom Brown, Jeremy Hannon, Andrew Jayne, Vivek Mehta

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ryan Hartman, Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with one change: Student Budget Board Membership will be discussed before Amendments to RHF Constitution.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. Proposal of the Committee on Football Ticket Line & Distribution Procedures
   Tom Brown, Dean of Students Office
   Ryan Hartman, Student Government Association

Mr. Hartman distributed and discussed the Football Ticket Line & Distribution Procedures, which was developed by the commission’s Football Ticket Committee. The committee was formed last fall in response to students camping out in line for two weeks in order to secure tickets to the Miami football game. The committee’s goal was to eliminate the incentive to camp out or arrive earlier than others by creating an efficient and fair method for line formation and ticket distribution using random selection. They also sought to create an official source of information on the ticket policy, and ensure that the student body is made aware of the policy and this source of information. Mr. Hartman opened the floor for questions about the policy. Dr. Lanny Cross suggested they add a statement to the final bullet under Ticket Pickup Process & Policy indicating that the place in line will be forfeited if envelopes containing athletic cards are opened before the student reaches the ticket window. Dr. Ed Spencer expressed concern that the policy calls for two random selections-numbered wristbands and the starting
Dr. Spencer made a motion to amend the recommendation so there will be a lottery system where each numbered wristband corresponds with a place in line. The motion was seconded and approved. Dr. Spencer questioned whether tickets would be distributed at War Memorial Gym, as in previous years. If Athletics does plan to distribute them at the gym, the problem of camping out and/or lining up early could occur there. Mr. Hartman indicated that he would discuss this with Athletics and rewrite the policy if tickets are to be distributed at the gym.

Dr. Cross made a motion to approve the policy as amended. The motion was seconded and approved. Mr. Hartman will send the amended policy to the commission via e-mail.

B. Student Budget Board Membership

Kim Mitchell, Student Budget Board

Ms. Kim Mitchell, Chair of the Student Board, distributed and discussed the SBB Summary of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, concerning Article III, Membership and Article VI, Operating Procedures. The first amendment, concerning membership, is to make SBB more reflective of the membership of CSA and the groups requesting funding. The second amendment, concerning Board members excusing themselves from any hearing and deliberation about their organization, is specifically to eliminate conflict of interest during budget deliberations.

There was a motion to waive the first reading since this is the final commission meeting of the year. The motion was seconded and approved. There was a motion to approve the amendments to the SBB Constitution. The motion was seconded and approved.

C. Amendments to the RHF Constitution

Alison Sharp, Residence Hall Federation

RHF representatives Ms. Alison Sharp, Mr. Jeremy Hannon, and Mr. Vivek Mehta distributed copies of the RHF Summary of Proposed Constitutional Amendments and discussed the changes. Bylaw 2NElections, pertains to eligibility for spring and fall elections. Article IVNOrganization, pertains to membership of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

There was a motion to waive the first reading. The motion was seconded and approved. There was a motion to approve the amendments to the RHF Constitution. The motion was seconded and approved.

D. Nominations and Elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission

Mr. Hartman opened the floor for nominations for Chair of CSA for next year. Mr. Brian Montgomery nominated himself. There being no other nominations, there was a motion to vote by acclamation for Mr. Montgomery for Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Hartman then opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Alison
Sharp nominated Mr. Vivek Mehta. There were no other nominations for this position, and a motion was made to vote by acclamation for Mr. Mehta for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

E. Discussion of the Proposed Commission on Equal Opportunity & Diversity

Mr. Ryan Hartman distributed copies of University Council Resolution 2001-02A--Amending the University Council Constitution and By-Laws To Establish a Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity. The resolution has passed first reading at University Council and will be voted on at the May 6 University Council meeting. The proposal has been approved by the Faculty Senate. It has also been approved by the Staff Senate, with amendments that will be agreed upon by the Faculty Senate. The amendments call for a representative from CSA and a student at-large position, thus increasing the number of students on the commission to four. Mr. Hartman opened the floor for questions and comments that he may share with University Council. Mr. Myron McClees expressed concern that only four students will be on the commission. Mr. Hartman said he has discussed this with Staff Senate, and the recommendation to increase student membership was turned down. It was pointed out that while students have CSA and the Dean of Students Office to turn to for diversity issues, faculty and staff have not had a place to go with these issues in the past. Several commission members pointed out that the charge of the new commission is to recommend policies and procedures related to equal opportunity and diversity, not to handle individual cases of discrimination that might arise. Several members also felt that faculty and staff should be the primary members of the new commission in order to help influence policy decisions and to give a universal view of how faculty/staff stand on the issue of diversity. Mr. Hartman indicated that he would share the commission’s comments and suggestions with University Council on May 6.

V. Announcements

Mr. Ryan Hartman announced that he would be performing the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 with the New River Valley Symphony at 8:00 p.m. on April 27 in Burruss Auditorium.

Ms. Jennie Reilly thanked Mr. Hartman for his leadership this year as commission chair, and for doing such a great job in his position. Mr. Hartman said he enjoyed the position and thanked the commission for their work this year.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach
Recorder