Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
Brush Mountain Room B
February 15, 1996
3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Bryan Rowland, Dr. Lanny Cross, Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Mr. Jay Hulings (for Mr. Shiloh Bates), Mr. Jeff Banks, Mr. Rutherfoord Watkins, Mr. Gary Markle, Ms. Nicole Kiger, Mr. Nachiketa Tiwari, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Robby Johnson, Mr. Jim Locke, Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dr. Kerry Redican, Ms. Judy Davis, Mr. Sam Peavy, Ms. Barbara Cowles, Ms. Sarah Dotti, and Mr. Dan Waddill.

Absent: Mr. Shiloh Bates, Mr. Jim O'Connell, Dr. Jim McKenna, Mr. Jason Sawyer, Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. Cathy Hunt, Dean Andy Swiger, and Professor Robert Graham.

Guests: Ms. Sharon Yeagle, Ms. Catherine Pinson, and Ms. Melinda Crowder.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Spencer noted that item two of New Business should read "First Reading of the Report from the Committee on Membership. He noted that he would be the presenter in lieu of Mr. O'Connell. Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Approval of CSA Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the February 1, 1996 CSA minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Rowland noted that Announcements had been placed at the end of the agenda and Dr. Cross would use this item for his remarks. Others are also welcome to share any announcements they may have with the group.

Mr. Rowland distributed for information purposes only a resolution discussed by Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies reference observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. He stated that this resolution should be presented at the March 4, University Council meeting.

Mr. Rowland also noted that the information that Dr. Kirkpatrick had discussed at a previous CSA meeting regarding drop/add policy and freshman rule had passed at the last CUS meeting. He will keep the Commission informed on the progress of this report.

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading of the VTU Constitution. Ms. Kiger noted that under Article II-Membership- Section C had been added regarding Expulsion of
Members. Under Section A, Article II-Membership, faculty and staff of
VPI&SU had been deleted from the first sentence. Other changes noted
were under Article III-Governance-Section B, Executive Council, the last
sentence should be deleted. It was also noted that Graduate Assistants
now have voting power.

Ms. Kiger made a motion to accept the VTU Constitution as presented.
Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Discussion of GAS-1 Resolution. Mr. Peavy stated that GSA would like
a non-binding vote be taken in support for the GSA-1 Resolution
reference the outreach program in the College of Education.

Dr. Cross added a friendly amendment to the resolution stating in the
last paragraph, first sentence should be clarified as to who "We" refers
to. Dr. Chaloux stated that outreach program should read extended campus
programs.

Mr. Aughenbaugh made a motion for CSA endorsement of the resolution.
Motion was seconded and approved. There was one abstention.

V. New Business

1. Review and Discussion of Judicial Affairs Process. Dr. Goree
distributed a handout to Commission, "A Practical Guide to the VT
Judicial System." She stated that the VT Judicial System was in
existence to support the education mission of the university. Their
purpose is to educate students about appropriate behavior and to
adjudicate violations of university policy. Dr. Goree noted that in
Fall, 1995, there were 389 cases adjudicated involving 748 students. She
noted that the system is staff with one full-time person, two graduate
assistants and hearing officers were staff members of Residential and
Dining Programs.

After Dr. Goree's review of the judicial system, there were questions
from the Commission.

2. First Reading of the Report from the Committee on Membership. Dr.
Spencer stated that the Committee on Membership was formed early in the
Fall to examine the present structure of and representation of the
Commission and to make any recommendations for membership changes. The
report lists the current membership list. It goes through the process
for review and the criteria used for establishment of a seat. The
following changes were recommended:

Three representatives from the Division of Student Affairs Vice
President of SGA and GSA were deleted. President of the Sophomore Class
was added. President of the Asian American Student Union was added.
President of the Extramural Sports Federation was added. Chair of
Student Budget Board - ex officio as non-voting. Undergraduate
Representative to BoV - ex officio as non-voting Graduate Representative
to BoV - ex officio as non-voting. Vice Chair of the Student Budget
Board was deleted.

This item will be placed on the agenda for the next CSA meeting for
discussion. Mr. Rowland requested that each member bring their report
back to the next meeting for discussion.

3. Discussion Reference Electronic Communication. Mr. Rowland inquired as to how many people were having trouble receiving the agenda that is being forwarded electronically to CSA members. He noted that he and the secretary would continue to work with this issue.

VI. Announcements

1. Mr. Rowland noted that he had communicated with Dave Braine reference student tickets and Mr. Braine confirmed that just under 5000 tickets were allocated at each home game for students.

2. Dean Goree volunteered to convene a group to discuss camping out for 1996-97.

3. There will be a university memorial service for Teresa Gillespie on February 22, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel.

4. Dean Goree announced that her office is recruiting a new Assistant Dean of Students for the Multicultural Program and she encouraged student participation at the candidate presentations.

5. Dr. Spencer announced that many students living on campus this year will not be getting an offer for housing for 1996-97 due to several factors.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.