Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
February 16, 1995
219 Squires Student Center

Present:  Dr. Jim McKenna, Dr. Tom Goodale, Dr. John Eaton, Mr. Seth Ginther, Mr. Jason Rutherford, Ms. Shannon Milliken, Mr. Rutherford Watkins, Mr. B.J. Ford, Mr. John Kruep, Ms. Maureen Bezold, Mr. Sam Peavy (for Mr. Brian Sayre), Mr. Bryan Hatfield, Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. Cathy Hunt, Ms. Marcey McCammon, Mr. Bill Campion (for Ms. Cathy Buttmer), Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. David Ostroth, Dean Andy Swiger, and Ms. Judy Davis.

Absent:   Ms. Girlie Naomi Nallas, Mr. Brian Sayre, Ms. Cathy Buttmer, Ms. Margarita Correa-O, Professor Robert Graham, and Dr. Kerry Redican.

Guests:   Mr. Kevin Leclaire, and Dr. Lanny Cross.

Call to Order
Dr. Jim McKenna, chairperson of the Commission, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Introductions
Mr. Kevin Leclaire, student representative to the Board of Visitors, was introduced as a guest.

Announcements
Dr. Goodale requested that Mr. Fred Weaver, Director of Risk Management, be allowed to make his presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Weaver gave an overview of the student insurance program. He reiterated that due to student complaints about the insurance package in the past, he asked Vice President Goodale to put together a student advisory committee, to review the nature of the student insurance program, and to advise him that the contract was being awarded.

The review committee has made several recommendations in the past, concerning coverage. All the recommendations from the committee, were accepted except those related to mental health. The successful contractor has been Trigon (Blue Cross/Blue Shield). We are currently in the second year of a five year contract.

Mr. Weaver felt that the contractor forged the Virginia Tech student, the "comprehensive amount of coverage possible". Trigon services all 16 senior universities in the Commonwealth.

Dr. Goodale then asked John Kruep, president of Virginia Tech Union, to
speak to the particulars of "Winterfest", which was being held on Saturday, February 18, 1995 at Squires Student Center. He distributed a list of events for this third annual festival.

Tom Goodale introduced Dr. Landrum Cross, associate vice president for student affairs, who briefed the Commission of procedures for selection of the student representative to the Board of Visitors. He handed out materials related to those procedures.

The deadline for returning applications is Friday, February 24, 1995 at 5:00 p.m. in the office of the vice president for student affairs.

On March 2, 1995 all CSA members will receive copies of applications of all applicants who have applied for the position. Presentations will be made by the top six candidates at the March 23 meeting and members will vote by secret ballot for the top three nominees for the undergraduate position.

Dr. Cross indicated that the Board of Visitors had approved the addition of the graduate student representative to the Board. The final three nominees will be presented to the Commission on Student Affairs for affirmation at the meeting of April 6, just prior to the April Board of Visitors meeting.

Dr. Goodale encouraged Commission members to refer interest to students to the "Rising Senior German Club Leadership Award". The deadline to submit applications for this award is March 1.

Dr. Cross also passed out information on students interested in studying abroad, at the European Studies Center.

Approval of Agenda

B. J. Ford moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rutherford and approved unanimously.

Approval of February 2, 1995 CSA Minutes

Under item 5, second paragraph, of the February 2, 1995 CSA minutes Mr. Rutherfoord should read Mr. Rutherford. Ms. Bezold made a motion to approve the February 2, 1995 minutes as corrected. B. J. Ford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Second Reading of the Relationship of the CSA to the Student Representative to the Board of Visitors Resolution. Dr. McKenna indicated that this would be the second reading of the resolution on "relationship of the Commission on Student Affairs to the Student Representative to the Board of Visitors". The chair recognized Kevin Leclaire, a guest. Mr. Leclaire suggested a friendly amendment under the "third whereas", the word "few" should replace the word "no". Mr. Leclaire pointed out that the "Order of the Gavel", is a full means by which the current undergraduate student representative can gain input into issues. The word undergraduate was added several times throughout the resolution as a friendly amendment. Also, the last paragraph was deleted.
It was moved by Ms. Bezold to approve the resolution as amended. Dr. Ostroth seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment Dr. McKenna indicated that several persons on various university committees and councils had contacted him concerning the Commission activities and interest in changing the beginning of classes from Monday to Tuesday. He felt that this interest is encouraging and he wanted to inform the Commission of this activity.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.