Commission on Student Affairs

February 3, 2005
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mt. B
Squires Student Center

Minutes

Present: Sumeet Bagai, Steve Burrell, Ricky Castles, Melinda Cep, Scott Cheatham, Lanny Cross, Robyn Daniel, Bennie Kingwood for Keisha French, Caryl Gray, Lauren Healey, Jamie Kalista, Ben Kearney, Erik Kneubuehl, Marcus Ly, Grant Otto, Brittany Rossmeier, Jory Zmuda Ruscio, Dhaval Shah, Jason Shank, Roberta Snelling, Jane Warner,

Absent: Tom Brown, Muhammad Ahmad Chughtai, Sujit Ekka, Ginny Fowler, Monika Gibson, Paul Knox, Ellen Krupar, Tarvaris McCoy, Orien Patterson, Devin Weller, Chris Wise

Visitors: Scott Hurst

I. Call to Order

Mr. Grant Otto, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Otto called for adoption of the agenda. Mr. Ben Kearney made a motion to add Update to Laundry Services and Trash Cans Around Campus as item C under Old Business. The motion passed. The agenda was adopted as amended.

III. Guest Speaker: Updates on the Campus Master Plan—Scott Hurst

Mr. Scott Hurst, University Architect, provided an update on the Campus Master Plan process. They typically update the plan every ten years and the current update began in the fall of 2003. They are using a team of outside consultants to lead the process. The team of master planning architects is from the firm of Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas. One of their major goals is to support the university’s strategic plan by understanding the facility needs for the next ten years and determining how much space will be needed to support the research plan. Part of the planning process included benchmarking with twelve peer institutions, some of which are already top 30 research institutions. After studying how these institutions used space, it was estimated that we would need to build as much as 2.9 million square feet to support the goals of the strategic plan. As the group studies possible expansion, they will look at various land use scenarios and how the campus will expand over the next ten years. They will also take into consideration: parking and transportation issues; the possibility of expanding campus utility infrastructure on the southwest side of campus as expansion occurs there; finding sustainable approaches to managing storm water on campus; and taking a more detailed look at the upper quad area and how it will fulfill the needs of the Corps of Cadets. The consultants are currently conducting focus studies on these various issues. They hope to conduct a public workshop on the master plan by the end of spring.
semester, and plan to make a presentation to the Board of Visitors this summer or fall.

The commission had asked Mr. Hurst to address how the land on the corner of Stanger Street and Old Turner Street would be used. The 1994 Campus Master Plan identified two building sites in that area, with the idea of making a new quadrangle from the east end of Hancock Hall over to Stanger Street. One of the proposed buildings has been funded through the general obligation bond program and it will house the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science. No specific building has been identified for the second building site at this time. A brief question and answer period concluded Mr. Hurst’s presentation.

IV. **Old Business**

A. Commitment to Community—Monika Gibson

Ms. Gibson was unable to attend and this item was tabled until March 3.

B. Undergraduate Representative to Board of Visitors

   a. Return Candidate Rating Forms
   b. Determine Interview Procedures and Questions for Candidates for the Interviews at February 17 CSA Meeting

   Mr. Otto explained the current procedures for interviewing the undergraduate semi-finalists and opened the floor for discussion of the procedures. The commission voted to expand the response time for question one from two minutes to three minutes, but leave the response time for question two at two minutes. They also voted to extend the response time for the summary question from 30 seconds to one minute. Following a discussion of possible interview questions, the commission voted on the two confidential questions that will be asked of each candidate. During the interviews, Mr. Jason Shank will present the first question to each person; Ms. Robyn Daniel will present the second question; and Mr. Sumeet Bagai will present the summary question. Mr. Steve Burrell will be the timekeeper for the interview process.

C. Laundry Services and Trash Cans Around Campus

Mr. Ben Kearney announced that Mr. Fred Koziol, who attended the January 20 meeting to discuss campus laundry services, had contacted him to let the commission know that VT Services is conducting a survey on laundry services. Mr. Kearney also announced that he had spoken with Mr. Larry Bechtel, Recycling Coordinator, and learned that we may contact Mr. Bechtel to request that additional trash cans be placed around campus.

V. **Announcements**

Mr. Jason Shank announced that VTU would show the movie *Team America* on February 4 at 8:00 p.m. in Colonial Hall, Squires; Build-A-Bear will be held on February 11 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of GBJ; and the movie *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* on February 11 at 8:00 p.m. in Colonial Hall, Squires.

Mr. Sumeet Bagai made the following announcements: the Orange Effect for basketball games are rally towels. Purchase price is one towel for $2 or three towels for $5 and they are for sale in the SGA office from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The Orange Effect t-shirts are now in
and are also for sale for $5 in the SGA office. The German Club’s Midwinter’s Dance 2005 will be held on February 4 and 5 at 8:30 p.m. – midnight at the German Club. Hokies United reformed this semester in response to the Asian tsunami. The first event was the Silent Parade of Flags around the Drillfield and a ceremony in Burruss Auditorium that took place on January 28 at noon. The next event will be a benefit concert on February 17 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium. Tickets are $5 and all proceeds will go to the fundraising efforts.

Mr. Dhaval Shah announced that AASU would hold a Piece of Asia pot-luck event on February 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Old Dominion Ballroom, Squires. The event is free to the entire campus, but they will accept donations for the tsunami relief efforts.

Mr. Steve Burrell announced that Student Activities would be sending a survey to student organizations to find out what the organizations need from the Student Activities Office in terms of leadership and development for their organizations and what kind of programs would help meet the needs of the organizations.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach, Recorder