MINUTES

COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

March 28, 2002
Room 150/152
Squires Student Center
3:30-5:30 p.m.


Absent: Ed Boone, Sue Ellen Crocker, James Disney, Thanh Doan, Kimberlee Fulcher, Grant Hill, Gunnar Lucko, Kasey Martin, Kerry Redican, Jennie Reilly, Linda Sikhammountry, Melissa Slovinsky

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

III. Committee Reports

Mr. Hartman reported that Mr. Steve Mouras, Director of Transportation, has been invited to attend the April 11 meeting. He asked the commission to be prepared to discuss the parking plan and other transportation issues if Mr. Mouras does attend.

IV. Old Business

A. Second Reading: CSA Resolution 2001-2002C: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Susan Anderson, Faculty Senate
Ryan Hartman, Student Government Association
Myron McClees, Black Organizations Council
Vashonta Roach, Black Student Alliance

Mr. Hartman reported that he has rewritten the resolution in accordance with the commission's suggested changes during the March 14 CSA meeting. The resolution also went to the Committee on Academic support on March 22, where it was passed with one change: they removed the second "resolved" because they would like the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies to study how the university is going to put this holiday into the university's calendar. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies. There was a motion to table the resolution until the April 11 CSA meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.
V. New Business

A. Composition of the Student Budget Board

Kim Mitchell, Budget Board Representative

Ms. Kim Mitchell distributed a sheet showing current SBB membership and possible meeting dates for Spring Semester. When the membership list was created, it reflected the membership of CSA. However, when CSA membership changed in 1999 the SBB membership was not changed. In addition, with the current membership it is difficult to conduct business because they are often unable to achieve quorum during the annual funding period. Ms. Mitchell requested that a committee be formed to review SBB membership and decide whether changes should be made. The following commission members volunteered to serve on the committee: Mr. Ryan Hartman, Mr. Brian Montgomery, Mr. Chris DeMay, and Dr. JoAnn Emmel. Mr. Hartman will contact the commission members who were absent and give them the opportunity to serve as well. Ms. Mitchell will be in touch with committee members regarding meeting dates.

B. First Reading: Amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution

Ryan Hartman, Student Government Association
Brian Montgomery, Student Government Association

Mr. Hartman presented the “SGA Summary of Proposed Constitutional Amendments” for first reading and discussed the proposed changes. Mr. Hartman and Mr. Montgomery addressed the commission’s questions and concerns about proposed changes to: 1) the approval process for amendments to the constitution and bylaws, 2) membership of the judicial board, and 3) whether advisors will be notified if judicial actions are started. Mr. Hartman indicated that he would take the commission’s suggestions back to SGA and make corrections prior to second reading on April 11.

VI. Announcements

Ms. Aysen Tulpar distributed a brochure on International Week activities, which will be taking place April 5-14.

Mr. Ryan Hartman announced that Phi Alpha Delta and the Political Science Dept. would be sponsoring a Law Panel on April 3, 7:00 p.m., in 3100 Torgersen Hall to answer questions about law school and careers in law.

Mr. Brian Montgomery announced that the Big Event would be taking place on April 6 and reminded everyone that sign up sheets should be turned in by March 29. Relay for Life will be taking place from 6:00 p.m. on April 12 until noon on April 13 at the Johnson-Miller Track and Field. A luminary service will be held at 9:00 p.m. for cancer survivors. There will be a transportation and parking forum for all students at 5:30 p.m. on April 1 in Squires 341/345.

Ms. Susan Anderson announced that Arjuna Greist would be performing at 8:00 p.m. on March 29 in Colonial Hall, with special guest Dianna Benton. She also announced that Jean Kilbourne would be lecturing on the effects of advertising at 7:00 p.m. on April 1 in
Donaldson Brown Auditorium. Robin and Linda Williams will be performing at the Lyric Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on April 13.

Ms. Anderson also made a statement to the commission concerning the vandalism that took place on the night of March 20: “Womanspace and Take Back the Night did not do the spray painting on campus and are very sorry that it happened.”

Ms. Marquea King announced that Graduate Student Appreciation Week would be held April 1-5. She also announced that Harriet Fulbright would speak on “Globalization and Education” at 7:00 p.m. on April 2 in 2150 Torgersen Hall.
Ms. Vashonta Roach announced that Spike Lee would be speaking at 7:00 p.m. on April 9 in the Donaldson Brown Auditorium. She also announced the National Panhellenic Step Show in Burruss Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on March 30.

Mr. Chris DeMay congratulated Mr. Brian Montgomery for being selected the 2002-2003 Undergraduate Student Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach
Recorder