Commission on Student Affairs

Special Call Meeting

Minutes

March 31, 1994

150 Squires Student Center

PRESENT: Dr. Jim McKenna, Dr. Tom Goodale, Dr. John Eaton, Mr. Daniel Barret (for Mr. Keith Coutray), Ms. Laura Lew (for Ms. Amy Coates), Mr. Vaughn Shannon, Ms. Lisa Auletta, Mr. Fred Homan (for Ms. Rachel Rowley), Col. Milton Bartley, Mr. Chris Parker, Ms. Shannon Milliken, Ms. Erin Smith, Mr. Brian O'Neil, Mr. Carl Mitchell, Mr. Tim Schell, Ms. Jennifer Tank, Dr. Cornel Morton, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dr. Richard Sorensen, Mr. Robert Graham, and Ms. Judy Davis.

ABSENT: Ms. Adla Tamimi, Dr. Jeanne Howard, Mr. Ronnie Stephenson, and Ms. Dimples Irby.

GUESTS: Mr. Bill Campion, Ms. Heather Brown, Ms. Alicia Cohen, Mr. Henry Hsu, Ms. Barbara Pendergrass, Ms. Laura Rosback, and Mr. John Aughenbaugh.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Jim McKenna, chairperson of the Commission, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Schell asked that the agenda be modified so that the Commission would be in executive session for items #5 (Selection of Questions) and #6 (Determination of Interview Order), be in open session for item #7 (Interviews), and reenter executive session for item #8. The agenda was approved as amended.

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. McKenna asked that all guests, visiting proxies, and student representative to the Board of Visitors (BOV) candidates introduce themselves to the Commission.

REVIEW OF INTERVIEW PROCESS

Ms. Heather Brown, practicum in the Vice-President for Student Affairs Office, reviewed for the Commission the interview process of selecting the final three candidates for the student representative to BOV position. The process is as follows:

* The Commission, in executive session, determines two questions to be asked of each candidate and the order in which the candidates would interview.

* Each candidate would have five minutes to make a presentation, with an additional three minutes available for a person to make an
introduction of the candidate.

* After the presentations, the candidates will have four minutes to answer two questions from the Commission.

* In executive session and by secret ballot, the Commission will determine three candidates to be forwarded to the BOV.

* The final three candidates will meet with President Torgerson on April 21 and will be interviewed by the BOV on April 24. A final decision will be made on April 24.

SELECTION OF QUESTIONS

According to provisions of Virginia law, Dr. McKenna called for the Commission to enter into executive session to choose two questions to be asked by each of the candidates. After some discussion, the Commission decided on the following questions:

1) Communication between the Board of Visitors and the student body is a vital link. If chosen, how would you insure this two-way communication process.

2) Assuming your position may not be supported by some members of the Board of Visitors, how would you try to persuade the Board of Visitors to your view?

Question 1) was asked of each candidate by Mr. Brian O'Neil and question 2) by Dr. Rich Sorensen.

DETERMINATION OF INTERVIEW ORDER

Remaining in executive session, the order for interviewing the six candidates was determined by random selection. The interview order would be Mr. Ronald Stephenson, Ms. Kathryn Dove, Mr. Kevin LeClaire, Ms. Desta Dageet, Mr. Gary Coleman, and Ms. Maureen Bezold.

INTERVIEWS

In open session, the Commission interviewed each candidate according to the aforementioned process. Mr. Stephenson was introduced by Mr. Henry Hsu. Ms. Dove was introduced by Ms. Melinda Emerson.

The Commission, then, passed a motion which excluded Mr. Robert Graham and Dr. Cornel Morton for voting on the candidates because these Commission members were late to the meeting and missed the interviews of Mr. Stephenson and Ms. Dove.

The interviews continued, as Mr. LeClaire had his introduction, prepared by Mr. Tim Reed, read by Dr. Tom Goodale. Ms. Dageet was introduced by Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Coleman by Mr. Scott Lambert, and Ms. Bezold by Mr. Jon Parelli.

VOTING

Pursuant to Virginia law, Dr. Goodale called the Commission into closed session to vote by secret ballot for the final three candidates.
Before doing so, Mr. Schell asked if the Commission could discuss their thoughts of each candidate and their interviews, and upon agreement by the rest of the members, the Commission did so. After candidate discussion, the Commission voted for, in alphabetical order, as the final three candidates Ms. Bezold, Mr. Coleman, and Mr. LeClaire.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES

Dr. Goodale called the Commission into open session and announce he final three candidates for the student representative to the BOV position.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:

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