Commission on Student Affairs

March 4
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mt. B
Squires Student Center

Minutes

PRESENT: Sumeet Bagai, Allan Bradley, Myrna Callison, Mandy Cocco, Cristin Coles, Lanny Cross, Ginny Fowler, Monika Gibson, Caryl Gray, Arun Krishnan, Ellen Krupar, Elaine Kwan, Matthew Lieber, Kasey Martin, Vivek Mehta, Kim Mitchell, Grant Otto, Brooke Randa, Sara Kennedy for Nicole Reynolds, Roberta Snelling, Pat Colleran for Nic Temple, Jane Warner, Kelly Williams, Chris Wise

ABSENT: Tom Brown, Pankaj Gupta, Ben Kearney, Clarresa Morton, Vishal Nakra, Jerry Niles, Keniah Robinson

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vivek Mehta, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Mehta made a motion to add Old Business before Announcements, time permitting. The motion was approved and the agenda was adopted as amended.

III. Minutes of February 19th Meeting

Mr. Mehta announced that the minutes of the February 19 CSA meeting have been electronically approved by the commission and sent to University Council for approval.

IV. New Business

A. Selection of Finalists for Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Visitors

Mr. Mehta reviewed the procedures for the interview process and reminded the commission that Mr. Allan Bradley, Ms. Myrna Callison, and Mr. Nic Temple were selected at the February 19 meeting to ask the interview questions and Ms. Brooke Randa was selected as the timekeeper. Mr. Temple was unable to attend the meeting and Mr. Grant Otto was selected to ask the final interview question. There was a motion to move into closed Executive Session for the purpose of selecting the three finalists for the position of Undergraduate Student Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. The motion was seconded and approved. The following candidates were interviewed:

Brandon Bull
Melinda Cep
John Dillard
Puraj Patel
Adam Wagner
Jo Young
Following the interviews, the Commission voted by secret ballot for the three candidates who would be sent forward to the Selection Committee of the Board of Visitors.

Mr. Mehta asked the six candidates to return to the room and announced the three finalists: Mr. Brandon Bull, Ms. Melinda Cep, and Mr. Puraj Patel. The BOV Selection Committee will meet on Sunday, March 28, 2004, to interview these candidates.

There was a motion to move into Open Session. The motion was approved. There was a motion to affirm the vote in Executive Session, which was counted by Ms. Brooke Randa and Ms. Donna Sanzenbach. The motion was approved.

V. Old Business

There was a motion to bring SGA S-04-1R, Resolution for Altering Hillcrest Honors Community Parking Privileges, to the floor for first reading. The motion was approved. Mr. Allen Bradley presented the resolution, which requests that Parking Services sell only Resident parking passes to the undergraduates residing in the Hillcrest Honor Community beginning fall semester 2004. During the question and answer period, Dr. Lanny Cross pointed out that Parking Services already has this resolution from another group and is sending it their advisory committee for consideration. Second reading of the resolution will take place on March 18.

There was a motion to bring SGA S-04-5R, Resolution Requesting Department Heads to Ask Teachers to Provide Mid-Semester Evaluations, to the floor for first reading. The motion was approved. Mr. Sumeet Bagai presented the resolution, which requests the head of each academic department to offer a mid-semester evaluation to the students enrolled in classes in said department, in order to further promote advancement in the learning process by benefiting professors and students alike. A question and answer period followed. Ms. Monika Gibson suggested rewording the language to make it clear that students want to evaluate the professors at mid-semester. Second reading of the resolution will take place on March 18.

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach
Recorder