Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
Brush Mountain Room B
March 7, 1996
3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Bryan Rowland, Dr. Lanny Cross, Mr. Jay Hulings, Mr. Gary Markle, Ms. Nicole Kiger, Dr. Jim McKenna, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Jason Sawyer, Mr. Robby Johnson, Mr. Jim Locke, Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dean Andy Swiger, Ms. Judy Davis, Mr. Sam Peavy, Ms. Barbara Cowles, Ms. Sarah Dotti, and Mr. Dan Waddill.

Absent: Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Mr. Jeff Banks, Mr. Rutherfoord Watkins, Mr. Nachiketa Tiwari, Ms. Gerri Johns, Professor Robert Graham, and Dr. Kerry Redican.

Guests: Ms. Sharon Yeagle, Mr. Bill Campion, and Ms. Melinda Crowder.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Rowland unofficially called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Since there were not enough members present for a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, the approval of the agenda and minutes were delayed until more members arrived.

IV. Special Guest: Dr. Alan McDaniel. Dr. McDaniel, chair of the Committee on Academic Support, discussed the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class scheduling with the Commission. He noted that he wanted to bring the Commission up-to-date on discussions that had taken place regarding this issue and to gather input from the members.

Dr. McDaniel stated that the basic situation with the scheduling is that on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday there are 50 minute classes with only a 10 minute break in between these classes. The problem is with the students who have back to back classes and their classes are held on different sides of the campus. The 10 minutes break does not give them enough time to leave one class and get to the other class before it starts. The consensus of the committee is that there needs to be a change made but they are not sure how to implement the change. He noted that they are working with Institutional Research to have a survey done to seek input university-wide on this matter. The survey should be available at the beginning of fall semester, 1996. If there is any change to be made it will not be announced until some time during the course of next year.

Dr. McDaniel stated that Commission could send him input at alammc@vt.edu regarding this issue.

There were enough members present for a quorum so the meeting officially began at 3:45 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was approved with unanimous vote.
III. Approval of CSA Minutes

Mr. Rowland noted that under V. New Business, item two, the vice chair of the Student Budget Board should be included as being deleted from the membership list and the president of the National Panhellenic Council should be added to the list. Also under VI. Announcements - sentence #1 - 5000 tickets should be changed to read just under 5000.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Perspective on BoV Representatives. Ms. Dotti stated that she wanted to give her perspective on her position as BoV representative and to hopefully give the Commission members a better understanding about what the position entails.

Ms. Dotti commented that students can make a difference on the Board. This position is a service opportunity for students to give something back to the university. She did note that this position requires a lot of the students' time. Another point noted was that student representatives cannot generate issues on their own. This position acts as a mediator. Student organizations bring forth the issues they want acted upon and the student representative bring the issues before the Board.

Mr. Dotti invited Commission members to sit in on one of the Board meetings so they can see what is involved and to also show the Board that the students have an interest.

2. Distribution of Candidate Applications for BoV Representatives. Ms. Haden distributed credentials on the six applicants for the undergraduate student representative position on the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Cross noted that these six candidates will be interviewed by CSA on April 4 and that Commission would select three candidates to be presented to the Board of Visitors, along with three graduate candidates, for interview later in April. Commission members are encouraged to think of questions to be posed to the candidates on April 4.

3. Continued Discussion of the First Reading of the Report from the Committee on Membership. Mr. O'Connell made a motion that the Commission on Student Affairs vote on the recommendations presented by the Committee on Membership. Dr. Spencer seconded the motion.

Ms. Cowles expressed an interest in having a representative that would represent the academic interest of honor students.

After comments from the Commission, Mr. Markle amended the motion on the floor to read: that the Commission on Student Affairs consider each change individually instead of as a whole. The amended motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

The chair stated that Commission should look at the revised membership
list under New Business, item two of the February 15 CSA minutes. He added a friendly amendment to the minutes noting that the deletion of the Vice Chair of the Student Budget Board and the addition of the President of the National Panhellenic Council should be added to this list.

Three representatives from the Division of Student Affairs in lieu of two:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the Committee on Membership. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Deletion of the Vice President of the Student Government Association:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the Committee on Membership. There were 8 positive votes, 7 negative votes, and 3 abstentions. Motion carried.

The chair stated that due to time constraints, discussion should be suspended and carried forth to the next CSA meeting. Motion was made and seconded to table the discussion of the report from the membership committee until the next CSA meeting. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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