Minutes  
Commission on Student Affairs  
219 Squires Student Center  
November 16, 1995  
3:30 p.m.

Present:  Dr. Jim McKenna, Dr. Lanny Cross, Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Mr. Shiloh Bates, Mr. Jeff Banks, Mr. Rutherford Watkins, Mr. Jim O’Connell, Mr. Adam Boitnott (for Mr. B.J. Ford), Ms. Nicole Kiger, Mr. Nachiketa Tiwari, Mr. Bryan Rowland, Ms. Jessica Coffey, Mr. David Preisman (for Mr. Jason Sawyer), Ms. Gerri Johns, Mr. Robby Johnson, Mr. Jim Locke, Ms. Tabitha Copley, Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. Edward Spencer, Ms. Judy Davis, Mr. Sam Peavy, Ms. Barbara Cowles, and Mr. Dan Waddill.

Absent:  Mr. B.J. Ford, Mr. Jason Sawyer, Ms. Cathy Hunt, Dean Andy Swiger, Professor Robert Graham, Dr. Kerry Redican, and Ms. Sarah Dotti.

Guests:  Ms. Sharon Yeagle and Mr. Bill Campion.

Call to Order

Dr. McKenna called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Announcements

Dr. Cross distributed a copy of a handout from the Task Force on Student Support Systems. He stated that he wanted Commission to be aware of the existence of this task force and to share with them the members of the group. He noted that the task force would like to have input from the Commission and if members have any thoughts or concerns to please notify Sarah Dotti since she is a member of the group.

Dr. Spencer stated that the process for selecting Resident Advisors has begun and that the applications are due on November 28, 1995. He noted that the RA training course would be an accredited P/F course and that registration for spring semester would be required.

Dean Goree noted that the Camping Out Committee had their last meeting recently and it was decided that services would be provided for camping out for one basketball game, the University of Massachusetts. She noted that SGA would be monitoring the lines also.

Dean Goree also announced that the Commission on Undergraduate Studies was reviewing a proposal which affects academic eligibility schedules and the freshman rule. She stated she would be glad to share any comments or concerns with the Commission regarding this issue.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of CSA Minutes
Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 2, 1995 CSA minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Filing of the October 26, 1995 Student Budget Board Minutes

Motion was made to file the October 26, 1995 Student Budget Board minutes. Mr. Rowland asked for clarification of item one under Old Business. Mr. Campion reviewed this item with the Commission. With no further questions, the motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

1. Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission on Student Affairs. Dr. McKenna stated that the Commission on Student Affairs resolution regarding chair of the Commission had been approved at the last University Council meeting. He noted that this allowed for anyone on the Commission to be eligible to become chair of the Commission. He stated that a new chair could be elected at today's meeting by nominations from the floor or a selection committee could be appointed to elect a chair.

After discussion among the members motion was made and seconded to elect a chair at today's meeting by having nominations from the floor. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Bates nominated Mr. Rowland as a candidate for chair. Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. O'Connell as a candidate for chair. Mr. O'Connell declined.

Motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made and seconded to cast nomination for Mr. Bryan Rowland as new chair of CSA. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Rowland thanked everyone for their support. He stated that his first order of business was the election of vice-chair of the Commission. He noted the floor was open for nominations.

Mr. Jim O'Connell was nominated as candidate for vice chair. Mr. Robby Johnson was nominated as candidate for vice-chair.

Motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. A friendly amendment was made to the motion stating that each candidate would speak to the Commission reference their views as vice chair for the Commission.

Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

After each candidate spoke to the Commission they were asked to leave the room while voting took place.

Voting was done by display of hands. Mr. O'Connell received 11 votes and Mr. Johnson received 7 votes. Mr. O'Connell was elected as new vice chair for the Commission.

Mr. Rowland expressed appreciation to Dr. McKenna for his leadership. Mr. Rowland inquired as to whether Commission would like to identify some major issues to place on the agenda or if Commission would like to adjourn until
next meeting.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion that discussion take place concerning some
major issues for Commission's agenda. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and
it was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Connell stated that the last day to drop classes was earlier here at
Virginia Tech than other peer institutions and thought possibly some
research should be done on this issue. He suggested perhaps that the chair
of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies should be invited to CSA to
discuss the drop date issue.

Mr. Rowland stated that more information was needed before this issue could
be discussed further. Dr. Goree stated that she would mail to the
secretary of CSA copies of the proposal regarding this issue to be included
in the next CSA packet.

Dr. Goree stated that the Martin Luther King Holiday might be an issue
Commission would want to discuss. Mr. Bates stated he had been working
with Mr. Jarvis Davis on this issue.

Dr. Spencer stated he was on the University Scheduling and Registration
Committee and he would mail to the secretary of CSA the internal guidelines
for calendar construction to be included in the next mailing to CSA
members.

Mr. O'Connell also stated that another issue of concern was the current
student parking facilities, other solutions, and possible options.

Mr. Rowland requested that each member of the Commission write down their
e-mail addresses and telephone numbers so that a list could be composed for
future use.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.