Commission on Student Affairs

November 20, 2003
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Brush Mt. B
Squires Student Center

Minutes

Present: Allan Bradley, Myrna Callison, Cristin Coles, Ginny Fowler, Monika Gibson, Caryl Gray, Ben Kearney, Elaine Kwan, Matthew Lieber, Kasey Martin, Vivek Mehta, Kim Mitchell, Clarresa Morton, Jerry Niles, Anand Patel, Brooke Randa, Rachel Rizk, Chris Darling for Brant Snyder, Jane Warner, Chris Wise,

Absent: Tom Brown, Trey Church, Lanny Cross, Pankaj Gupta, Erin Hawkinson, Ellen Krupar, Vishal Nakra, Nicole Reynolds, Keniah Robinson, Roberta Snelling, Will Wright

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vivek Mehta called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

III. Minutes from November 6 Meeting

Mr. Mehta announced that the November 6 minutes have been sent to the commission for electronic approval.

IV. Old Business

A. Rights and Responsibilities of Graduate Students

Ms. Myrna Callison asked the commission if there were concerns or questions about the document, ÔRights and Responsibilities of Graduate Students,Ô which was distributed and discussed at the November 6 CSA meeting. Ms. Callison indicated that the document had first reading at University Council on November 17 and second reading will take place on December 1. Following a brief discussion, the commission voted to support this document at University Council.

B. Virginia Tech Union Constitution Changes (Second Reading)

Ms. Brooke Randa, President of VTU, presented the VTU Constitution Changes for second reading and briefly described the proposed changes. Mr. Mehta opened the floor for questions and discussion. Following a brief discussion, there was a motion to approve the changes to the VTU Constitution. The motion was approved.
C. Parking Resolutions

Mr. Ben Kearney presented six parking related resolutions for first reading:

Resolution CSA2003-2004A: Resolution Concerning Unauthorized Faculty Parking.
Resolution CSA2003-2004B: Resolution Concerning Parking Ticket E-mail Notification System
Resolution CSA2003-2004C: Resolution Concerning Vehicles Driving on the Sidewalk at Night
Resolution CSA2003-2004D: Resolution Concerning Vehicles Speeding on the Sidewalk
Resolution CSA2003-2004E: Resolution Concerning Extending C/G Parking Lot Hours
Resolution CSA2003-2004F: Resolution Concerning Vehicles Driving on Unauthorized Sidewalk

The commission discussed each resolution and suggested several grammatical changes as well as changes that would clarify the intent of the resolutions. Mr. Kearney will revise the resolutions based on these suggestions and bring them forward for second reading on December 4.

V. New Business

A. Discussion of Student Organization Insurance

Ms. Rachel Rizk distributed and discussed a handout on student organization insurance. Ms. Rizk has been researching this topic because student organizations are now required to purchase insurance to cover large events on campus. When the organizations do not have annual insurance policies, they must purchase day policies, which are much more expensive. University Student Life Programs (USLP) are insured through the university, but other student organizations are not. Ms. Kim Mitchell said the Student Budget Board had been expecting more requests for insurance since the change in requirements two years ago, but have received only a few so far. The requests would come through the small grant process. Following a brief discussion, the commission decided to invite Mr. Fred Weaver from Risk Management and a representative from Student Legal Services to attend the first meeting of Spring Semester to advise the student organizations on the need for insurance.

VI. Announcements

Mr. Mehta announced that Mr. Dwight Shelton and Mr. Minnis Ridenour will attend the December 4 meeting to discuss budget issues.

Mr. Mehta also announced that Alpha Chi Sigma has asked the commission to approve a bylaw amendment. Mr. Mehta will check with to see if CSA approval is required.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach
Recorder