MINUTES
COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
November 4, 1999
Room 219
Squires Student Center
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Sean Blackburn, Ms. Susan Anderson, Ms. Laura Bayless, Ms. Erica Burroughs, Dr. Lanny Cross, Ms. Kimberly DeGuise, Ms. Erin Giekel for Ms. Lara Digan, Ms. Carolyn Dixon, Ms. Carolyn Haag for Ms. Rachael Emery, Dr. JoAnn Emmel, Mr. Jonathan Harmer, Mr. Aaron Hill, Ms. Marquea King, Mr. Drew Lichtenberger, Mr. Steven Lui, Mr. Aaron McClung, Mr. Chittiappa Muthanna, Ms. Abby Patterson, Dr. Barbara Pendergrass, Dr. Jennie Reilly, Mr. Charlie Rose, Dr. Edd Sewell, Dr. Ed Spencer, Mr. Jeff Sutton

Absent: Ms. Jovette Gadson, Ms. Elaine Humphrey, Dr. Martha Johnson, Mr. Darin Oduyoye, Mr. Brad Ramsey, Dr. Brian Warren, Ms. Alyssa Williams

Guests: Ms. Sharon Snow

I. Call to Order

A. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Sean Blackburn announced that the October 21, 1999, minutes were approved electronically and forwarded to University Council for approval. Mr. Blackburn circulated the latest University Council minutes for review.

The room for CSA's Spring Semester meetings will be reserved in the near future. The meetings will take place in either Squires or Johnston Student Center. Please send any comments about the location to Mr. Blackburn at sblackbu@vt.edu.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Old Business

A. Statement from Commission on Research, "A Renewed Commitment to Research, Scholarship, and Graduate Education"

Mr. Blackburn asked the commission for comments on the statement from the Commission on Research, which was forwarded by Dr. Paul Metz for our review and support. Ms. Kimberly DeGuise indicated that the Commission on Research has now passed this as a resolution and changed the wording. Mr. Blackburn will obtain the final resolution for CSA review, and ask a Commission on Research member to attend a future meeting to answer questions.

IV. New Business
A. Sexual Assault on Campus - Sharon Snow

Ms. Sharon Snow, Assistant Director of the Women's Center, gave an overview of the confidential services offered at the center such as crisis intervention, counseling, and support groups. Ms. Snow is also the Sexual Assault Educator and is available to speak to classes and groups about issues of sexual assault. They have started a peer education program. If interested in participating, contact the Women's Center for more information. October was Sexual Assault Awareness Month. They worked with the Dean of Students office to hold a Sexual Assault Summit and plan to hold another one during spring semester. She said that 90% of sexual assaults on campus occur when the students have been drinking alcohol. The most dangerous time for women on college campuses is their first semester in college. One out of four women are sexually assaulted while in college. Anyone needing their services or more information should contact the Women's Center at the Price House on Stanger Street, phone 231-7806. Their web address is http://fbox.vt.edu:10021/women/WomensCenter.html. Twenty-four hour assistance is available at the Women's Resource Center in Radford, phone 639-1123.

V. Announcements

Mr. Chittiappa Muthanna announced the Dance of Nations to be held on November 5, 7:30 p.m., Commonwealth Ballroom.

Ms. Abby Patterson announced that Local H will perform in concert on November 4; Garbage and Lit will perform on November 9. Tap Dogs, a Lively Arts Show will take place on November 8.

Ms. Susan Anderson announced that 225 6th grade girls will attend "Women in Mathematics: Career Day at Virginia Tech" at the Math Emporium on November 11.

Mr. Sean Blackburn announced the next CSA meeting will be November 18.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Donna Sanzenbach, Recording Secretary