Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
Brush Mountain Room B
October 17, 1996
3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Dr. Lanny Cross, Mr. Jay Hulings, Ms. Jennifer Ginther, Mr. Jim O'Connell, Mr. Raphael Castillejo, Mr. Gary Markle, Mr. Niraw Patel (for Mr. Robert Kottkamp), Mr. Nikhil Verghese (for Ms. Ningling Wang), Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. Christina Firestone, Mr. Jim Friel, Ms. Melinda Crowder, Ms. Delia Grenville, Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. Dave Ostroth, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dean Andy Swiger, Dr. Johann Norstedt, Ms. Phoebe Crofts, Ms. Amelia Clark (for Delores Scott), Mr. Dan Obusan, Dr. Kenneth Rystrom, and Mr. David Shuster.

Absent: Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Mr. Robert Kottkamp, Ms. Ningling Wang, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Mike Rush, Dr. Kerry Redican, Dr. Delores Scott, and Mr. Chris Bunin.

Guests: Mr. Cordel Faulk, and Ms. Sharon Yeagle.

1. Introductions - Approval of Agenda. Mr. Aughenbaugh called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Introductions were made at this time.

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

2. Approval of CSA Minutes of October 3, 1996. Motion was made and seconded to approve the October 3, 1996 CSA minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that CSA minutes and agenda would no longer be mailed, but only sent electronically. The secretary will bring extra copies of the minutes and agenda at the meeting in case members are having trouble receiving them electronically.

3. Comments from the Chair. The chair distributed an article from the Roanoke Times regarding the capital campaign.

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that in a recent mailing to CSA members there were appointment letters to Dr. Alan McDaniel, Ms. Amy Benton, and Ms. Heather Dunaloo for the Student Budget Board (SBB). Ms. Crowder noted that there would be one more position filled in the next few days.

Mr. Aughenbaugh inquired as to the status of the language regarding chair appointment in the SBB constitution. Ms. Crowder noted that this matter had come to the Board for first reading and would be discussed at the October 28, 1996 meeting.

Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that he had received feedback from Commission members expressing interest in serving on the recently appointed ad hoc committee on camping out and seating at football games. Mr. Aughenbaugh thanked members for their interest and noted that he would be calling on them during the year for future committee assignments.

Mr. Aughenbaugh announced that he had agreed to serve on a committee by University Council that would be researching concerns reference communication within the university governance system. He noted the first
meeting of the committee would be held next week and he would keep Commission apprised of the outcome of these meetings.

Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that he had been notified by the chair of the Commission on Academic Support that a resolution regarding a change in the scheduling of M-W-F classes had been passed there. A copy of this resolution will be distributed to CSA members at the next meeting for first reading.

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted than an Image Study survey has been conducted of people external to the university on how VT is perceived as a university. A report has been prepared and is being circulated electronically to Faculty Senate. Mr. Aughenbaugh will try to secure a copy of the report and send it electronically to Commission members.

4. Old Business. A. Fan Behavior at Football Games. Dean Goree noted that she had spoke with Carole Nickerson in the Presidents Office and no reports had been received regarding inappropriate fan behavior at the recent home games. Dean Goree noted however that there had been complaints from visitors to the game regarding additional enforcement.

Dr. Goree stated that at the first home game there were 32 judicial referrals, 11 student arrests, 6 non-student arrests, and 4 students ejected from the game for throwing items. At the second game, there were 38 judicial referrals, 24 student arrests, and 17 non-student arrests.

Ms. Furjanic, Mr. Hulings, and Mr. Markle complained about the searching of people as they came through the gates and how this might have negative repercussions for Virginia Tech.

B. Seating and Ticket Procurement at Football Games. Mr. Hulings noted that the ad hoc committee had met and there was discussion among the group regarding the deletion of camping out for tickets. He also noted the group was contacting other institutions regarding their seating and ticket policies. Mr. Hulings stated that Jeff Bourne and Tom McNeer from the Athletic Department would be meeting with them on October 28, 1996 regarding these issues.

C. Student Budget Board Appeals Committee. Mr. Markle noted that the Student Budget Board Appeals Subcommittee would be meeting the beginning of November to discuss the appeals process. He noted they would have a report to CSA for the November 14 meeting.

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that CSA would need any recommendations for changes to the appeals process for first reading at the November meeting.

D. Special Purpose Housing Resolution. Ms. Furjanic stated that the resolution had been tabled at the Parking and Transportation Committee meeting. There has been a subcommittee formed for further discussion of the resolution. She will keep CSA apprised of the outcome of the resolution.

5. Issues for Future Mandatory Fee Discussion. A. Fee Process and Timeline. Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that he had requested Dr. Cross to prepare a brief presentation on the fee process and timeline for CSA before a visit from Mr. Ridenour on November 14. Mr. Aughenbaugh requested Commission
members to discuss issues that they would like for Mr. Ridenour to address on November 14.

Dr. Cross distributed a handout that lists comprehensive fees, room fees and board fees that was approved by the Board of Visitors at the February 1996 meeting. He stated that the comprehensive fee was broken down into the student activity fee, health services fee, athletic fee, bus fee, and recreational sports fee. Dr. Cross also discussed a handout which was a comparison chart of student charges for other in-state and out-of-state institutions.

Dr. Cross reviewed with the Commission the process of the different sources of income, i.e. Educational and General Funding, Auxiliary Funding, Research, Grants and Scholarships, and Foundation accounts.

After some discussion, the Commission members selected the following items they would like to have Mr. Ridenour address at the November 14 meeting.

Is the debt service for construction of buildings not yet completed addressed in the same way at other institutions as it is at Virginia Tech?

Is there student input received on decisions regarding student fees?

How is the Student Budget Board allocation determined?

Would Virginia Tech consider a fee for services?

What determines if a budget is auxiliary or educational and general funded?

The following questions were submitted by CSA members after the meeting, per chair's request:

(1) What is the fee amount collected - by total and individual component parts?
(2) How is the student activity fee disbursed by dollar amount?

6. Announcements

Dean Goree distributed a flyer announcing a silent debate being held on Monday, October 28 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. at the Multicultural Center. Dr. Goree also distributed copies of the Multicultural Programs Newsletter.

Ms. Johns distributed a flyer announcing a Rap Session with Administrators on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Squires.

Mr. Aughenbaugh reminded members that CSA would be meeting on Thursday, October 31, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Haden, Secretary