Commission on Student Affairs

October 2, 2003
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Brush Mt. B
Squires Student Center

Minutes

Present: Allan Bradley, Tom Brown, Myrna Callison, Trey Church, Levi Daniels for Cristin Coles, Lanny Cross, Ginny Fowler, Caryl Gray, Pankaj Gupta, Ben Kearney, Elaine Kwan, Matthew Lieber, Kasey Martin, Vivek Mehta, Kim Mitchell, Clarresa Morton, Brooke Randa, Nicole Reynolds, Rachel Rizk, Roberta Snelling, Chris Wise,

Absent: Michele Dawson, Monika Gibson, Aki Izutani, Erin Kennedy, Ellen Krupar, Jerry Niles, Keniah Robinson, Brant Snyder, Jane Warner, Will Wright

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vivek Mehta, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

III. Minutes from September 18 Meeting

Mr. Mehta announced that the minutes of the September 18 CSA meeting were electronically approved by the commission and forwarded to University Council.

III. Old Business

A. Agenda Topics (from Brainstorming Session on 9/18)

The list of agenda topics discussed at the Brainstorming Session on September 18 was distributed. Mr. Mehta briefly discussed the list and asked the commission members to see him after the meeting if they were interested in serving on subcommittees to cover the issues.

V. New Business

A. GSA Constitution Changes First Reading

Mr. Pankaj Gupta, GSA Chair, distributed copies of the current constitution, which was last updated in September 1995, and the newly proposed constitution and bylaws. Mr. Gupta also provided a written and
oral explanation of the proposed revisions which include: changes in the governance structure; inclusion of satellite campuses; explanation of position responsibilities; description of funding for paid GSA positions; explanation of voting procedures; and the addition of bylaws to the constitution. A question and answer period followed, and the commission asked that a few points be clarified in the document prior to second reading. The second reading will take place on October 16.

VI. Announcements

Ms. Kimberly Mitchell had three announcements: 1) the GSA at the Northern Virginia campus will be registering as a Registered Student Organization; 2) the Indian Students’ Association was holding an evening of fun and dance on October 3, 6:30 p.m. in Commonwealth Ballroom of Squires; 3) the grand opening of the Leadership Resource Center was held on October 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in 316 Squires.

Ms. Nicole Reynolds announced that the Class of 2005 Ring Premier would take place on October 15, 6:30 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium.

Ms. Brooke Randa announced several VTU sponsored events: the movie “Red, White, and Blonde” on October 3, 8:00 p.m. in Colonial Hall of Squires; the Black Eyed Peas concert on October 7, 8:00 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium; comedian Pauly Shore on October 8, 8:00 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium; and the O.A.R. concert on October 23, 8:00 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium.

Mr. Trey Church announced that LGBTA would sponsor a couple of events in conjunction with National Coming Out Day on October 10: an LGBTA/Allies Meeting on October 9, 8:00 p.m. in Colonial Hall of Squires and the Rachel Sage concert on October 10, 8:00 p.m. in Haymarket Theatre of Squires.

Mr. Vivek Mehta announced several events taking place for Homecoming Week: the Hokiefest Picnic on October 7, 5:00 p.m. on Dietrick Lawn; the SAA Pep Rally on October 9, 9:00 p.m. at Alumni Hall Lawn; the NPHC Greek Stepshow on October 10, 7:00 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium; the Homecoming Parade on October 11, 9:00 a.m., in downtown Blacksburg; followed by the football game at noon.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Sanzenbach
Recorder