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

Present:  Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Dr. Lanny Cross, Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Mr. Jay Hulings, Ms. Jennifer Ginther, Mr. Jim O'Connell, Mr. Raphael Castillejo, Mr. Gary Markle, Mr. Niraw Patel (for Mr. Robert Kottkamp), Ms. Ningling Wang, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Mike Rush, Ms. Erin Graham (for 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, Mr. Chris Bunin, Mr. Dan Obusan, and Mr. David Shuster.

Absent:  Ms. Lisa Furjanic, Mr. Robert Kottkamp, Dr. Kenneth Rystrom, Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. Christina Firestone, Dr. Kerry Redican, Ms. Delores Scott, and Mr. Robert Moser.

Guests:  Mr. John Muffo, Dr. David Conn, Mr. Niraw Patel, Mr. Scott McAndrews, Mr. Cordel Faulk, Ms. Melissa Daller, Mr. Scott Valentine, and Mr. Brian Phifer.

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 September 19, 1996.  Motion was made and seconded to approve the September 19, 1996 CSA minutes.  Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. University Self Study.  The chair introduced Dr. David Conn and Mr. John Muffo who are coordinating the university self study process.  Dr. Conn began the presentation with a brief overview of the self study process.  He noted that the purpose of the process was to prepare Virginia Tech for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.  He stated that the accreditation is needed to establish eligibility to participate in federal programs.  Dr. Conn noted that the self study process that was completed over 10 years ago was done on the traditional basis whereas today it is an alternate process.  The alternate process includes the institutional effectiveness component and strategic component.

Mr. Muffo discussed the institutional effectiveness component process and how it would benefit Virginia Tech.  He noted that the Commission on Student Affairs would be able to review the self study report when completed and offer feedback.  Dr. Conn stated their visit today was to increase awareness of the self study process and to recognize Commission's involvement at some point in the process.

4. Student Budget Board Elections.  Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that the Commission would be electing one undergraduate and one graduate seat on the Student Budget Board at today's meeting.  He noted the undergraduate election would be held first with each student having 3 minutes to give a
presentation and 2 minutes to answer a question selected from the Commission. The same procedure will be used for the graduate candidates. After all of the presentations, the Commission will go into executive session and vote on one candidate for each position.

The chair read three questions, submitted by Ms. Crowder, to the Commission as possible questions to use. Motion was made and seconded to use question #2, which reads "Organizations' request for Student Budget Board funds exceed the amount of available funds. In your view, what are the two most important criteria in determining how much (if any) funding organizations should receive when there are insufficient funds to fully meet all requests?" Motion was approved unanimously. The chair requested Mr. Rush to read the question to each candidate after their presentation. Ms. Erin Graham was requested to keep time for Commission.

After all presentations, Commission went into executive session and voted on the following candidates by secret ballot. Mr. Dennis McGugan was selected as undergraduate candidate and Ms. Melissa Daller was chosen as graduate candidate.

5. Enrollment, Space, and Housing Plan of Action. The chair noted that one of the issues that Commission selected to be discussed this year was Enrollment, Space, and Housing. Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that he requested Dr. Ostroth to review this issue with Commission since he had already received the assignment by the Vice President for Student Affairs to research the issue of Enrollment, Space, and Housing on campus.

Dr. Ostroth noted that last spring and mid summer there was an increased level of anxiety among students concerning the possibility of too little off-campus housing space per student at Virginia Tech. Dr. Ostroth stated that he had worked with the New River Valley Apartment Council and distributed a handout with statistics regarding some of these issues. He noted that there were 24,812 students enrolled in Fall of 1996 which is an increase of 1200 over Fall of 1995. There has been building permits issued for an additional 330 bedrooms in Blacksburg. Dr. Ostroth stated that his concern was for Fall of 1997 and how the university would handle this situation.

The chair requested Commission members to review the handout and to refer any comments to Dr. Ostroth, with a copy to him. He also encouraged Dr. Ostroth to continue meeting with individuals and keep Commission apprised of any new information.

6. Chairs Comments/Announcements. Dr. Lanny Cross distributed a copy of a letter addressed to campers that will be disseminated at the next camp out for athletic tickets. The letter addresses the issues of campers commitment to avoid violating state law or university policy, and to respect the property and safety rights of the nearby residence halls.

The chair stated that a commitment had been received from Mr. Ridenour to visit CSA on November 14, 1996 to discuss mandatory fees. Mr. Aughenbaugh requested that members come prepared at the next CSA meeting with issues regarding the mandatory fee that they would like to have addressed.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Haden, Secretary