MINUTES
COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
October 4, 2001
Room 219
Squires Student Center
3:30-5:30 p.m.


Absent: Sue Ellen Crocker, James Disney, JoAnn Emmel, Kimberlee Fulcher, Grant Hill, Janet Johnson, Gunnar Lucko, Erin Miller, Jennie Reilly, Vashonta Roach, Justin Wienckowski

I. Call to Order
Mr. Ryan Hartman, Chair, called the meeting to order. Mr. Hartman announced that the September 20 commission minutes have been electronically approved and forwarded to University Council.

II. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Hartman announced one change to the agenda — the election of the graduate student representative to the Student Budget Board has been postponed because there are no candidates for the position. This item was deleted from the agenda.

III. Old Business
There being no old business, the commission moved on to new business.

IV. New Business
A. Committee Reports — CSA Issue Committees
Mr. Hartman called for reports by the CSA Issue Committees, with the following committees providing reports:

Capital Request Plan: Dr. Ed Spencer reported that this committee has met and decided that the Chair of CSA should invite Dr. Ray Smoot, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, to give a presentation to CSA outlining capital requests.

Football Ticket Distribution Committee: Mr. Hartman announced that last year the Commission endorsed a recommendation of the Football Ticket Subcommittee following a discussion of the recommendation with Mr. Sandy Smith from the Athletic Department. However, the Commission did not send the Athletic Department a letter explaining its official stance on the issue. Therefore, the first order of business should be for the Chair of CSA to write to Mr. Smith and to Mr. Jim Weaver reminding them of the recommendation and asking for an update on the ticket distribution system.

Smart Road: Mr. Hartman announced that he has been in contact with Ashwin Amanna, Director of Smart Road Operations for the Virginia Tech Transportation Department, to gather more information on the Smart Road and will give a committee update at the next meeting. The Smart Road will hold an open house on October 13 from 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. Information is available from Cindy Wilkinson at cmelfi@vt.edu or Mr. Hartman at rhartman@vt.edu.

Office Recognition: Mr. Hartman reported that several people had expressed
interest in this topic, but no one volunteered to serve on this committee. The purpose of the committee is to recognize offices that serve students, and the individuals in those offices who do an exceptional job. Mr. Hartman has solicited the help of Mr. Paul Westervelt, the President of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, to help with the specifics of the recognition program. The next step will be to identify an office or body of the university that will be able to support the recognition program.

*Country Highlighting Program:* Ms. Aysen Tulpar announced that the committee met on October 3 to discuss the program. In the past, the university has held programs focusing on China and the Alpine Region. However, many students were not aware of these programs and didn't become involved. They hope to get more students involved this year. The Provost Office provided the funding for the previous programs, so they have contacted the Provost about funding the program again. The program will be coordinated through Ms. Kim Beisecker and Cranwell International Center.

*Organizational Funding:* Ms. Kim Mitchell announced that she has been in contact with the committee via e-mail. The general concern is the rising cost of contracts, without funding to support the increases.

*Child Care:* Mr. Hartman reported that he was unable to find much information on childcare at the university, and asked the commission to let him know if they have additional information. He has e-mailed the director of the Family and Work/Life Resources program and is awaiting a reply. The Center for Public Administration Policies has several on-going studies regarding childcare in the Montgomery County area, and he will consult with those researchers as well.

*Web Links:* Mr. Hartman has researched the problem of web links for group web pages, and found that the problems are with the search engine. He will further investigate the problem, starting with CNS, to see if the search engine can organize hits by order of relevance to the organization's name.

*Campus Sidewalk Driving:* Mr. Hartman reported that in Spring Semester 2001, the commission passed two resolutions submitted by RHF: Resolution 2000-2001A: Upper Quad Traffic Issues, and Resolution 2000-2001B: Excessive Vehicular Traffic on Sidewalks. At the end of Spring Semester it was the general consensus of those involved (RHF and the Corps of Cadets) that the problem had improved, but Mr. Hartman has invited a representative from RHF and the Corps to look into the matter and give the commission an update. He also plans to have an update from Parking Services.

*Student Contact Information:* Mr. Hartman reported that student contact information is updated by the students themselves, except for those living on campus. He spoke with Mr. Ken Belcher, from RDP, who reported that their department loads student contact information into the Banner system automatically and updates it. For the rest of the student body, there may be a need for a university regulation requiring students to update their information by the first week of classes. He will investigate further for off campus students.

**B. Proposed Changes to Town Noise Ordinance**

Mr. Ryan Hartman distributed and discussed the Town of Blacksburg's Ordinance 1283 pertaining to noise violations and limits on public gatherings. Changes include: 1) changing the definition of a mass outdoor social gathering to 200 people, rather than 500 people; 2) requiring a permit from the town to hold a gathering of 200 or more people when sound amplification equipment is to be used; and 3) reducing a
violation of the noise ordinance from a Class 2 to a Class 4 misdemeanor, and reducing the fine from $100-$1,000 to $100-$250. There will be a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on October 9 in the Town Municipal Building to discuss these proposed changes.

Mr. Hartman also announced public hearings to discuss proposed changes to the Blacksburg Transit routes. The hearings will take place on October 9, 8:00 p.m., in Squires Colonial Hall and on October 10, 7:30 p.m., at 2800 Commerce Street, BT Headquarters. Mr. Hartman encouraged the commission to attend.

V. Announcements
Ms. Alison Sharp announced that the Parents Day Reception and Casino Night will be held on October 6, 7:00 p.m. in Squires Old Dominion Ballroom. Proceeds will go to The Roanoke Ronald McDonald House.

Ms. Nicki Cantrell announced that the Order of the Gavel Installation ceremony will be held on October 12, 5:00 p.m., in 152 Squires. A group photograph of all members will follow the ceremony. She encouraged all Order members to attend.

Mr. Ryan Hartman announced that the Roanoke Symphony will be presenting the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto on October 8, 8:00 p.m., at Roanoke Civic Center Auditorium.

VI. Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach
Recording Secretary