MINUTES
Commission on Student Affairs
219 Squires Student Center
September 18, 1997
3:30 p.m.

Present:  Ms. Jenne Ginther, Ms. Susan Anderson, Mr. Are Andresen, Mr. Adam Boitnott, Ms. Kelli Campbell, Mr. Raphael Castillejo, Dr. Lanny Cross, Ms. Melinda Crowder, Ms. Lauren Esleeck, Dr. Cathy Goree, Ms. Erin Graham, Dr. Martha Johnson, Ms. Krista Johnston, Mr. Anurag Maheshwari, Ms. Arlene Merino, Mr. Steve Schneider, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dr. Brian Warren, Ms. Jean Marie Whichard, Ms. Sara Wikstrom

Absent: Ms. Tekisha Everette, Dr. Louis Gwin, Mr. Michael Herndon, Ms. Gerri Johns, Mr. Rajiv Khosla, Dr. Johann Norstedt, Mr. Philip Forbes, Dr. Delores Scott, Dr. Andy Swiger, Mr. Brian Wiersema

1. Call to Order. Ms. Ginther called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of September 4, 1997 CSA Minutes. Ms. Crowder announced that Section B, Update on International Student Pick-up Service, should be corrected to read, "Ms. Grega informed the Commission that the Student Government Association Budget Board had provided some support in the past, but that it was the Student Budget Board's decision that this was not an appropriate use of Board funds." Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended CSA minutes of September 4, 1997. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Ginther announced that future CSA minutes will be sent to members via e-mail to be voted on electronically. Members will respond only if a change should be made to the minutes; no response means approval of minutes. This is the format that University Council uses for review and approval of their minutes. This process will be effective beginning with the September 18, 1997 minutes.

4. Old Business.

A. Update on Ticket Distribution Policy. Ms. Graham reported that the ticket distribution went well, but there was some confusion with the groups having to cross the line. They will be posting signs indicating the group side and the individual side. She indicated that there were 89 total organizations who participated in the distribution of tickets, which included 20 LSOP non-Greek organizations, 40 LSOP Greek Organizations, 13 residence hall groups, 11 non-LSOP student groups, and 5 LSOP sports groups. The only complaint reported was about the Op-Ed article that was written in the Collegiate Times before the process occurred. She reported that overall it went well and appreciated everyone's support.

Dr. Goree asked where the Athletic Department was going to distribute athletic cards for those people who still need them, and Ms. Graham reported that athletic cards will be available the day of ticket distribution at 9:00 a.m. at the ticket windows in the lobby of Cassell Coliseum.
5. New Business

A. Integrated Space Plan. Mr. Scott Hurst, university architect, briefed the Commission on the University's Integrated Space Plan (ISP). Mr. Hurst reported that in 1991 the original space plan was adopted for space utilization. This included conversion of Upper Quad residence halls in lieu of building new academic buildings, building modern residence halls, and zoning of academic space in the core campus. Early implementation of the plan included the building of Payne Hall and the renovation of Major Williams Hall.

In 1996, the plan was reviewed and updated to include a flexible plan for the Corps of Cadets growth, support of academic departments with properly sized and located classrooms, and a new academic structure due to the merging of the College of Education with the College of Human Resources. Some related strategies that have stayed intact would be relocating some Architecture programs to Burruss Hall, and the possibility of a student services building which would include operations such as the Registrar's Office, Student Accounts, and Financial Aid. Another proposal was the conversion of Hillcrest Hall. In order to do that, it would require finding equivalent housing for the graduates housed there, and the first floor programs. The other proposal being looked at as an alternative to the conversion of Hillcrest to academic space is building an annex to Wallace Hall. The earliest that this may occur is sometime in the 2000 biennium.

Mr. Hurst reported on several projects that are on-going related to the basic concepts in the ISP, the first being the Upper Quad Phase II which includes continuing planning for the conversation of Shanks Hall, one bay of Shultz Hall for class labs, and Henderson Hall for the School of the Arts. Space in Henderson Hall will be freed up when Student Health Services and University Counseling Center move to the new Health and Fitness Center, but a solution will have to be found for Career Services, and one possibility being discussed would be to include them in the student services building.

Mr. Hurst provided a slide presentation depicting the various projects under way or recently completed. These included the new Engineering building, new Architecture building, and the Advanced Communication and Technology Center. The South Campus area projects include regional stormwater management, Spring Road relocation, stadium parking lot, Cassell Coliseum repairs, Merryman Athletic Facility, track/soccer facility, and the women's softball field. Included in the student affairs projects are the new Student Health and Fitness Center to be completed September 1998, two new residence halls being constructed close to Payne Hall to be completed by August of 1998, a third new residence hall near Cochrane Hall to be completed by fall 1999, the Cochrane Dining Hall addition to be completed in fall 1998, recreational fields hopefully to be completed by fall 1998, and eight new houses in the Special Purpose Housing area to be constructed during the 1998-2000 biennium.

Ms. Campbell asked if a dining hall is being planned for the Special Purpose Housing area, and Mr. Hurst responded that Phase III does not include a dining hall component, and that consideration of a dining area will depend on how that area grows.
Ms. Wikstrom asked if there are plans to renovate Burruss Hall Auditorium. Mr. Hurst responded that studies have been done regarding improvements to the auditorium, but at the present time, finding a funding source is the real problem. He indicated that the University is limited legally on how different funding sources are used for certain projects.

Mr. Castillejo asked if Lane Hall will be a residence hall and questioned the status of the Tailor Shop. Mr. Hurst responded that, based on current plans, Lane Hall will not be a residence hall, but different types of office space primarily for the Corps of Cadets and ROTC, and that the Tailor Shop will remain in its current location, but will be expanded.

Ms. Whichard and Dr. Johnson asked about future plans for graduate student housing, and Mr. Hurst responded that the need for accommodation of graduate student housing is recognized in the ISP, and in the event that Hillcrest is converted to academic use, there will be equivalent housing found on campus for graduate students.

B. Election of Undergraduate and Graduate Representatives to the Student Budget Board. Two applications were presented for the representatives to the Student Budget Board. The graduate applicant, Mr. Bozhurt Dogan, and undergraduate applicant, Ms. Takiyah Jefferson, gave a presentation on their qualifications and reasons for seeking membership on the Student Budget Board. Votes of confidence were given for both candidates; motion was made and seconded to approve their selection. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

C. Appointment of Student Budget Board Appeals Subcommittee. Ms. Ginther appointed the following CSA members to serve on the Student Budget Board Appeals Subcommittee: Raphael Castillejo, chair; Lauren Esleeck, Kelli Campbell, Ed Spencer, Steve Schneider, and a GSA member who will be named by Chris Bunin. Motion was made and seconded to approve the selection of this subcommittee. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

6. Announcements. Ms. Anderson announced that a Higher Education Forum sponsored by the Faculty Senate at the University, and the Virginia Faculty Senate group, is scheduled for October 2, 1997, at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Candidates Don Beyer and Jim Gilmore have been invited to participate, as well as the student government presidents from state public institutions. The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be former Governor Gerald Baliles.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Eaton
Recording Secretary