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Commission on Student Affairs Room 219 Squires Student Center
September 2, 1999 3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Sean Blackburn, Ms. Susan Anderson, Ms. Laura Bayless, Ms. Erica Burroughs, Dr. Lanny Cross, Ms. Kimberly DeGuise, Ms. Lara Digan, Ms. Carolyn Haag (for Ms. Rachal Emery), Ms. C. J. Griffin, Mr. Jonathan Harmer, Mr. Aaron Hill, Ms. Elaine Humphrey, Ms. Abby Patterson (for Mr. Ken Keane), Ms. Marquea King, Mr. Drew Lichtenberger, Mr. Steven Lui, Mr. Aaron McClung, Mr. Chittiappa Muthanna, Dr. Barbara Pendergrass, Dr. Jennie Reilly, Dr. Edd Sewell, Dr. Ed Spencer, Mr. Jeff Sutton, Dr. Brian Warren, Ms. Alyssa Williams

Absent: Dr. Robert Bates, Ms. Jovette Gadson, Mr. Darin Oduyoye, Dr. Martha Johnson, Mr. Brad Ramsey

Guests: Ms. Nicki Cantrell, Mr. Dave Chambers, Mr. Sandy Smith

I. Call to Order

Mr. Sean Blackburn, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

A. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Blackburn announced that the minutes will be approved electronically. Minutes will be e-mailed to the commission by Ms. Donna Sanzenbach. Any changes or corrections should be sent to her by the indicated deadline. No response counts as a positive vote.

Mr. Blackburn asked the commission to think about whether the meetings should be held in a different location, perhaps a larger room in an academic building. Commission members should contact Mr. Blackburn via e-mail with any comments.

Mr. Blackburn asked for volunteers to serve on the Academic Support Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should get in touch with Mr. Blackburn.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. New Business

A. Approval of Student Budget Board Minutes

The minutes of the February 2 and 10, March 23, April 28, and June 2, 1999, meetings of the Student Budget Board were approved as submitted.

B. Confirm Issues and Concerns

Mr. Blackburn presented a list of issues and concerns to be discussed during the coming academic year. The list was compiled based on discussions at the commission's orientation meeting on August 26, 1999. The order for future agendas will be based on timeliness of the issue.
and availability of speakers. The issues, and the people who will be invited to discuss them, include:


Finance  Satisfaction of University Financial Services . Foundation Accounts-Ray Smoot  Virginia Tech Services (Bookstore Prices/vending machines)-Don Williams  Technology Fees-Will be covered with Tuition and Fees Report to CSA in spring semester

Student Life  Diversity-Ben Dixon  Progress of the New Alcohol Polices and Initiatives-Steve Clarke  Improvement to the Older Residence Halls-Ed Spencer  Future Construction - Master Plan-Scott Hurst . Landscaping - Trucks On-Campus-Spencer Hall  New Athletic Ticket Policy-Dave Chambers  Parking Services (Hours and locations)-To be announced  Safety . Police Phones-Mike Jones . Sexual Assault-Sharon Snow

In regard to the Presidential Search, Ms. Susan Anderson asked if the university's general population--faculty, staff, and students--will be able to participate in public forums with the top candidates. Dr. Barbara Pendergrass, who serves on the Presidential Search Committee, indicated that the Board of Visitors will make that decision in the near future.

Dr. Jennie Reilly reported that at a recent ADA Executive Committee meeting, a faculty member discussed accommodations for students with disabilities. The university has a syllabus statement that faculty are encouraged to use. This statement encourages students to meet privately with faculty if they have special needs. Dr. Reilly asked if the commission could pass a resolution requiring faculty to include this statement on their syllabi. The matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

C. Approval of AASU Constitution-First Reading

Mr. Steven Lui discussed the history of changes to the constitution. The last revision was seven years ago. Mr. Blackburn asked the commission to review the constitution before the next meeting. It will be finalized and approved at the September 16 meeting.

D. Discussion on Distinguished Speaker Series

Ms. Nicki Cantrell led a discussion on a possible Distinguished Speaker Series for the university. Student organizations are interested in bringing in speakers, but the speaker fees are quite high. The Student Budget Board would have to take a large amount of money from student activity fees and various groups in order to fund a speaker series. Therefore, the issue of matching funds from throughout the university, including student activity fees, has arisen. These funds could support a distinguished speaker at least once a year. A motion was made to form a subcommittee to study the distinguished speaker issue. Motion was
seconded and approved. Ms. Abby Patterson will chair the subcommittee. Anyone interested in serving on the subcommittee should let Ms. Patterson know.

E. Update on Football Season Tickets

Mr. Dave Chambers discussed the football season ticket policy for students and announced that 1,756 were sold this year. Mr. Chambers and Mr. Sandy Smith answered questions regarding ticket distribution, guest tickets, and handicap access.

IV. Announcements

A. Mr. Sean Blackburn reminded everyone to sign the attendance list.

B. Mr. Blackburn announced that we still need applicants for the Student Budget Board.

C. Ms. Susan Anderson distributed Sexual Assault hang-tags and has extras available for individuals and organizations.

D. Mr. Aaron McClung thanked Dr. Barbara Pendergrass and the Dean of Students Office for sponsoring the Celebration of Diversity on September 1.

E. Mr. Jonathan Harmer announced that there would be a concert at 6:00 p.m. and pep rally at 9:00 p.m. on Main Street on September 2.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach Recording Secretary