MINUTES
Commission on Student Affairs
219 Squires Student Center
September 3, 1998
3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Clyde Harris, Ms. Susan Anderson, Mr. Davis Bailey, Mr. Jerry Via (for Dr. Robert Bates), Ms. Laura Bayless, Mr. Jamaa Bickley-King, Mr. Andrew Bishop, Mr. Sean Blackburn, Ms. Nicki Cantrell (for Ms. Melinda Crowder), Mr. Matthew Chan, Dr. Lanny Cross, Ms. Judy Fielder, Ms. Jennifer Gittes, Ms. Kara Gittes, Ms. Alex Iannucci, Dr. Martha Johnson, Ms. Madonna Mendoza, Mr. Jody Olson, Dr. Barbara Pendergrass, Mr. Ferat Sahin, Dr. Delores Scott, Dr. Edd Sewell, Dr. Edward Spencer, Ms. Roxene Thompson, Mr. Paul Wagner, Dr. Brian Warren

Absent: Ms. Lauren Esleeck, Mr. Ryan Ford, Mr. Jonathan Harmer, Ms. Kristy Robinson

I. Call to Order. Mr. Clyde Harris, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

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 April 2, 22, and August 6, 1998 meetings of the Student Budget Board were approved as submitted.

B. Introduction of new Student Budget Board Member

Ms. Nicki Cantrell reported that Mr. John Aughenbaugh, a nominee for membership on the Student Budget Board, could not be present and asked for CSA to approve Mr. Aughenbaugh's appointment as the graduate representative on the board. Commission members familiar with Mr. Aughenbaugh's qualifications for the position were asked to speak on his behalf. A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Aughenbaugh's appointment to the Student Budget Board. Motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Cantrell reminded the commission members that there is still one opening for a two-year undergraduate appointment to the Student Budget Board. The candidate must be sponsored by an organization on CSA, and anyone who might be interested should contact Ms. Melinda Crowder to apply for this position.

C. Election of CSA Vice Chair

During the summer 1998, Mr. Raphael Castillejo notified the commission that he would be unable to serve as the vice chair for the Commission on Student Affairs. Mr. Harris asked commission members for nominations to replace Mr. Castillejo as vice chair. Mr. Harris reported that he had received one nomination, Ms. Madonna Mendoza. He informed the commission members that the position primarily serves as parliamentarian, and serves as chair of CSA in his absence. The vice chair will also sit on University Council.
There being no further nominations, motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to name Ms. Mendoza as vice chair of CSA for 1998-99.

D. Appointment of Student Budget Board Appeals Committee

Mr. Harris asked commission members for volunteers to serve on the Student Budget Board Appeals Committee. Members who will serve on the committee are Dr. Ed Spencer, Mr. Jody Olson, Ms. Madonna Mendoza, Mr. Jamaa Bickley-King, Mr. Sean Blackburn, and Ms. Kara Gittes.

Mr. Harris instructed the Appeals Committee to review the funding of the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad, and provide the commission with their findings at a future meeting of CSA.

E. Discussion of Issues and Concerns

Commission members presented their choices for the major issues and concerns that they felt needed to be discussed/reviewed during the coming academic year. Those include:
- Attorney General's Task Force on Drinking by College Students
- Student Budget Board - policies and structure, block grants
- Overcrowding - classrooms/dining halls, ratio of faculty/students
- Integrated Space Plan - construction, master plan update
- Budget issues - tuition and fees
- Multicultural issues - civility in the classroom, climate, Honor Code
- Parking Services - survey
- Faculty/staff/student relationships

A discussion followed concerning the timeliness of presentations on the issues and concerns and how they would be integrated into the meetings of CSA. In regard to the Attorney General's Task Force, Dr. Lanny Cross informed the commission that he served on the task force and has been tasked by the university to present a foundational plan to the Board of Visitors in November. He will report to the commission at the September 17 meeting, and provide information to the members on some of the initiatives that have already been put into place, and what is being planned for future initiatives. Dr. Cross stated that he would forward a copy of the Attorney General's Task Force report to all members of CSA for their review prior to the September 17 meeting.

Mr. Paul Wagner reported that the Graduate Student Assembly and the Student Government Association have jointly sponsored the installation of a billboard to campaign against drinking and driving. The billboard will be located on Route 114 and is to be installed September 25. The billboard will remain at this location for nine months.

Ms. Lori Crowe stated that the matter concerning Student Budget Board funding as it relates to how it is structured and how funding is allocated should be reviewed.

The next issue which members felt should be reported on in the near future is the Integrated Space Plan. Ms. Judy Fielder stated that someone has been asked to speak to the Staff Senate concerning this matter, and she will give this name to the chair of CSA to extend an invitation to speak at a future meeting.
Mr. Jody Olson made a motion that the chair of CSA select the issues to be presented at future meetings which will be taken from the list presented by the members. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Dr. Cross' office will be responsible for inviting speakers on the various issues to the CSA meetings.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Eaton
Recording Secretary