Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
Brush Mountain Room B
September 5, 1996
3:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Mr. Jay Hulings, Ms. Lisa Furjanic, Mr. Jim O'Connell, Mr. Gary Markle, Dr. Kenneth Rystrom, Mr. Terry Lo, Mr. Leith Ames, Ms. Gerri Johns, Ms. Christina Firestone, Ms. Melinda Crowder, Ms. Delia Grenville, Dr. Cathy Goree, Dr. Dave Ostroth, Dr. Edward Spencer, Dr. Johann Norstedt, Ms. Phoebe Crofts, Dr. Delores Scott, Mr. Robert Moser, Mr. Chris Bunin, Mr. Dan Obusan, and Mr. Dave Shuster.

Absent: Dr. Lanny Cross, Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Ms. Jennifer Ginther, Raphael Castillejo, Mr. Robert Kottkamp, Kalpana Kanwar, Mr. Jim Friel, Dean Andy Swiger, and Dr. Kerry Redican.

Guests: Ms. Sharon Yeagle, Ms. Alicia Cohen, Ms. Carole Nickerson, Mr. Mike Jones, and Mr. Jody Falls.

1. Introductions and Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Aughenbaugh called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Introductions were made to the group. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

2. Approval of April 18, 1996 CSA Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 18, 1996 CSA minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that there were times placed on the agenda this year basically to put a parameter in place in terms of discussion of issues brought before CSA. He also noted that he wanted to be able to provide guests of CSA ample time for their presentations.

Mr. Aughenbaugh announced that he took the initiative to place behavior at football games on the agenda for today's meeting. He did note that this was one of the issues that the members of CSA felt should be discussed immediately.

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that if any of the members of CSA were interested in receiving information on other commissions and committees to contact him electronically and he would pass this information along to them.

Mr. Aughenbaugh requested a volunteer to serve on the Committee on Academic Support. Mr. Jim O'Connell and Mr. Chris Bunin volunteered to serve. The chair requested the secretary to forward Mr. O'Connell's name to Bobbi Lowe for participation on the committee. Mr. O'Connell will bring back reports from the committee to the Commission.

Mr. Aughenbaugh distributed a copy of a letter to Commission appointing Ms. Melinda Crowder as chair of the Student Budget Board. He noted that
the SBB constitution presently states that the appointment of the SBB chair will be made by the chair of CSA. Dr. Ostroth gave a brief overview on the past chair of SBB. He noted that he and Mr. Aughenbaugh had met in the summer to discuss the appointment of the SBB chair. It was decided that the verbiage of the constitution of SBB be revisited and that the chair should be appointed by the Director of UUSA and the chair of CSA have a minimal role in the appointment process. Ms. Crowder will discuss this matter with members of the Student Budget Board.

Mr. Aughenbaugh distributed two handouts to Commission members; one regarding the first meeting of the Board of Visitors and the other regarding parking at VT.

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that he had received a request from Marcia Harrington of the university self study to be included on the CSA agenda at a future date. Dean Goree suggested that the self study be placed on the agenda anytime after October 1, 1996. It was the consensus of the group that the chair should arrange the presentation.

4. Presentation on Behavior at Football Games

Dean Goree stated that administrators and students had met this summer to discuss behavior at football games. She introduced Carole Nickerson, executive assistant to the President, to discuss correspondence that had been received in the President's office regarding this issue.

Ms. Nickerson stated that correspondence had been received from Tech supporters who had taken offense at their experience in Lane Stadium. Ms. Nickerson is seeking help in dealing with this matter. She feels that the real answer to this problem lies within the student leadership.

Mike Jones and Jody Falls of the VT Police Department noted that enforcement will be increased per person by 250%. If anyone is caught drinking or carrying alcohol they will be arrested on the spot. He also stated that no alcohol would be allowed at tailgate parties, except in the areas designated for benefactors of the Athletic Department. Mr. Jones also noted that the parking lot at Litton Reaves is no longer a public parking lot. This area has been taken over by the Athletic Department for benefactor parking.

There was discussion as to how this new policy should be relayed to the student body. There was also discussion as to ticket distribution from the Athletic Department regarding student seats and general public seating.

Due to time constraints, the chair inquired as to whether the commission would like to continue discussion of this item. It was the consensus of the group that discussion should continue.

The chair stated that there was action that needed to be addressed regarding the dissemination of the new policy to the student body. Dr. Spencer made a recommendation that the commission should work with Larry Hincker regarding coverage to the local media and that the Collegiate Times should be contacted also. He also suggested that a letter be composed regarding this matter and distributed to all resident advisors for posting and that copies should also be sent to student organizations' mailboxes.
The chair requested that Dean Goree work with Mike Jones regarding the transmittal of the policy to Larry Hincker.

Gary Markle made a motion of no confidence in the plan presented to the Commission at today's meeting regarding fan behavior at football games. There was no second, the motion died.

Mr. Aughenbaugh stated another concern that needed to be addressed was the Athletic Association ticket policy related to student ticket distribution and seating arrangements. Dean Goree made a motion to have a representative from the Athletic Department visit CSA and discuss this policy. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hulings made a motion to support the administrative efforts in regard to behavior at football games with reservation of the severity and quickness of the plan. Motion was seconded by Ms. Furjanic. There were 9 votes in favor of the motion, 8 votes against the motion, motion carried.

The chair requested that Dean Goree report back to CSA the status of the new policy after each home football game.

5. Formulation of CSA Issues

Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that 19 responses had been received from CSA members reference the prioritization of issues to be discussed by CSA. The top three responses were (1) enrollment, space and housing; (2) behavior at football games; (3) media relations. Mr. Aughenbaugh inquired as to how the Commission wanted to address these issues. It was the consensus of the group to invite guests to commission meetings to discuss these items. The following people were suggested for an invitation to CSA: Dr. John Fulton - Enrollment; Ms. Karen Torgersen - Interim Admissions Director; Dwight Shelton - Budget Issues; Dixon Hanna - Space; Blacksburg Town Planning Engineers; Larry Hincker - Public Relations, and Gerry McLaughlin - Institutional Research.

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that he would get in touch with as many people as possible regarding a visit to CSA but could not guarantee the order of the visitors.

6. Presentation on Student Budget Board

Mr. Aughenbaugh stated that due to time, the presentation by Ms. Crowder on the Student Budget Board would be placed on the September 19, 1996 agenda. However, the April 18 and April 25 SBB minutes did need to be approved. Motion was made and seconded to approve the two sets of SBB minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous approval.

Ms. Crowder noted that two undergraduate and one graduate student needed to be appointed by CSA to serve on the Board. She noted the deadline for the applicants was September 18, 1996.

7. Announcements

Ms. Johns announced that the Black Organizations Council and the Black Cultural Center were forming a steering committee for Black History
Month and Black Student Preview. The steering committee for Black History Month will be held September 16 at 4:00 p.m. and the steering committee for Black Student Preview will be held on September 23 at 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested please contact Gerri Johns at gjohns@vt.edu.

Mr. Hulings announced that SGA would be sponsoring a registration drive the week of September 9, 1996. Also, Mark Warner would be on campus Friday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. in 100 McBryde Hall.