

Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, January 29, 2015

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Present:

Susan Anderson, Tuna Shankar-designee for Luke Carroll, Matthew Chan, Claire Childress, Rudney Danquah, Austin Dickey, Joseph Edens, Jackie Fisher, Ashley Francis, Monika Gibson, Austin Larrowe, Mary Ann Lewis, Ethan Poole, Robert Sebek, Sapna Singh-designee for Brian Tran, Dan Ridenour designee for Eric Wetzel, Ricardo Zalles Reyes

Absent:

Cathye Betzel, Alicia Cohen, Noha Elsherbiny, Jean-Luc Ford, Elizabeth Lazor, Patty Perillo, Greg Purdy

Guests:

Frank Shushok, Rachael Tully, Tricia Smith, Angela Simmons, Jaime Williams

I. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Joseph Edens, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. welcoming the group to today's meeting and reviewing the agenda items for discussion. Mr. Joe Edens asked for a motion to approve the day's agenda and was moved to by Mr. Austin Larrowe, Seconded by Ms. Susan Anderson, and approved unanimously.

II. Presentations

Dr. Frank Shushok – Title IX

Dr. Frank Shushok is the Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Virginia Tech and is responsible for student on student reports. Last fall, his office received 43 complaints about sexual violence on campus. Pam White is the University's Title IX Coordinator and receives cases that are not student related. Discussion continued regarding consent, sexual assault and violence resources at Virginia Tech, and cultural change on college campuses relating to sexual assault and violence.

Ms. Ashley Francis and Mr. Austin Larrowe – Student Representative to the Board of Visitors Applications

Ms. Ashley Francis and Mr. Austin Larrowe, current graduate and undergraduate representatives to the Board of Visitors respectively, offered information and perspective regarding serving as the student representative. Discussion

continued about the role of student advocacy in the position and timeline and materials needed for the application.

III. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

IV. New Business

There was no new business.

V. Commissions/Committees Updates

Subcommittee on University Childcare

Mr. Greg Purdy offered an update on the Little Hokie Hangout initiative being conducted and that the committee will convene later this semester.

Graduate Student Assembly

Mr. Matt Chan offered a governance report on behalf of the Graduate Student Assembly that included an update on the passage of the Curriculum for Liberal Education by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, campus development projects, and the results of a recent survey conducted by Parking Services

Spring Meeting of the Commission Chairs

Mr. Joseph Edens offered an update from the spring meeting of Commission Chairs:

Commission on Research
Self-Plagiarism
Control of research results

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs
Online database for faculty abroad
Alumni Awards
Revision of Bylaws for the University Council for International Affairs
Faculty compensation for study abroad
Costs for students to study abroad

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies
In Absentia and Summer Student Status
Deletion of certificates that have not been awarded in five years
Spouses and Partners serving on Graduate Committees
Degree titles
PHD Yearbook

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Religious and Cultural Holiday
Principles of Community Award
Working on the VT governance definition of what constitutes a caucus
Issues of inequality in continuous wage positions
Reaffirming CEOD's status in InclusiveVT
Revisions of Policy 1025 to adhere to federal requirements
CEOD is looking for CSA partners to being a joint subcommittee tasked with working with the university to determine a new Learning Management System.
Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
Launched a new website
Looking at performance evaluations

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Curriculum for Liberal Education
"Shop and Drop"
Repeat course enrollment policies
Generating a report on debt status of students

Commission on Faculty Affairs
Looking at merging two engineering departments
Conversations on the Virginia Tech School of Medicine
Awaiting a shared governance proposal from Faculty Senate

Commission on Staff Policies
Interested in childcare development with Graduate School
Hybrid retirement plan
Parking situation (not sure what that means)

VI. Announcements

Mr. Joseph Edens announced the formation of six CSA subcommittees:
Subcommittee on University Childcare
Subcommittee on InclusiveVT
Subcommittee on Student Budget Board Policy
Subcommittee on Student Organization Policy
Subcommittee on University Policy
Subcommittee on Campus Technology

Mr. Matt Chan announced that Graduate Student Assembly is working on constitutional changes and the Language and Cultural Institute is offering English language courses.

Mr. Ricardo Zalles Reyes announced that George Lopez is coming to campus next week.

Ms. Ashley Francis announced that the Task Force for a Healthier Virginia Tech is meeting and will be completing their annual objectives by the end of the semester.

VII. Adjournment

With no further announcements or business, Mr. Joe Edens, chair, entertained a motion to adjourn; Mr. Greg Purdy motioned and Mr. Ricardo Zalles Reyes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.