

## Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, March 28th, 2013

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mountain Room – Squires Student Center

**Present:** Marwa Abdullatif, Chris Atkins, Cathy Betzel, Tyler Campbell, Claire Childress, Dustin Dorph, Jessica Estariz, Kylie Gilbert, Michael Goodwin, Jacob Grohs, Lauren Heming, Robyn Jones, Mary Ann Lewis, Elaine Mathis, Kristen McCall, Margaret McQuain, Jordan Disney, Nick Onopa, Patty Perillo, Caroline Sapyta, Robert Sebak, Ryan Smith, Jason Berube for Jay Tucker

**Absent:** Shaimaa Abdallah, Monika Gibson (with notice), Erlan Guzman

**Guests:** Kristen Houston, Jaime Joslin, Lester Schonberger, Chris Tam, Nick Warrington

### I. Call to Order

Mr. Atkins called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and announced that there are only three more University Council meetings scheduled for this year and only two more CSA meetings. He informed members that if they had any policy changes that need to go before University Council this year, they need to come before CSA during one of the next two meetings.

### II. Guest Speakers – None

### III. Old Business

#### a. Campus Clubs Bill Update Nick Onopa

Mr. Onopa announced that the Bill was signed this week. He noted that students were grateful for the letter that was drafted and for the Budget Board actions that will result due to the passing of this bill. Mr. Onopa also noted that he had spoken with Senator Mark Obenshain who supported the bill and he would be glad to talk to those who would like to know how that conversation went.

#### b. SGA Constitution Changes Lester Schoenberger

Mr. Schoenberger first reminded the group that SGA elections are going on and he encouraged everyone to vote. Results should be announced next week. He then presented the first reading on SGA Constitution changes. Prior to the second reading at the next CSA meeting, any questions can be addressed with Mr. Schoenberger or Mr. Dorph.

#### c. CSA Appointment Positions Chris Atkins

Mr. Atkins reported that in response to an email from University Council, it is time to provide to them the CSA elected representatives to fill the governance seats that will open as of June 30, 2013: 1) CSA Chair, 2) Representative on the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOD), and 3) Representative on the Academic Support Committee. There was also discussion regarding the selection process for the CSA Chair and Co-Chair positions. Following that discussion nominations were made:

- CSA Chair: Kylie Gilbert (nomination accepted), Jay Tucker (not available to

- accept), SGA President (not yet elected).
- CEOD: Caroline Sapyta (accepted), Kylie Gilbert (accepted), Erica Wood (not available to accept), Nick Warrington (accepted)
- Academic Support Committee: Erica Wood (not available to accept)

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the next CSA meeting.

Mr. Atkins asked that everyone go back to their organizations and ask if anyone might be interested in any of these positions. If so, they will have two minutes to speak at the next CSA meeting and should be made aware that dress should be business attire.

Mr. Tyler Campbell made a motion that CSA limit voting to the Chair of the Commission and wait until fall semester to vote for a Co-Chair, seconded by Mr. Onopa. Mr. Michael Goodwin amended the motion that they vote on CSA Chair only at the next meeting and then vote on the vice chair at a date in the future, whether it is this semester or next, seconded by Mr. Onopa. The motion carried.

The amended motion was then brought back to the group to vote on the CSA Chair only at the next meeting and the motion carried. The other positions mentioned will also be voted on as well following an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

#### IV. **New Business**

##### a. New/ Listed Agenda Items for Next Meeting Commission Members

- Student Budget Board Presentation/Actions
- Discussion on CSA Representative for the Corps of Cadets and how they may be able to participate
- Dwight Shelton to do Finance Update

##### b. Board of Visitors Meeting Nick Onopa and Robyn Jones

Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

- Athletics is adding a women's golf program, with the official season beginning Fall 2014.
- Funding has been requested for a new field house – this will leave the current field house available to Olympic sports
- Student Affairs areas presented on their services provided (Dean of Students – Care Team, Services from Students with Disabilities, Student Health Services, Center for Alcohol Prevention, and Cook Counseling Center). This was followed by presentations from three students who have benefited from the services provided by these areas.

Academic Affairs Committee discussed the following:

- Academic initiatives that are going through the curriculum and degree development process
- Faculty Affairs promotion and tenure process
- Faculty will be getting a merit based raise next year
- Update from Will Lewis on diversity strategic planning process that is currently in the works
- Report on “five in five” given by Dr. Steger which included changes that are coming to higher education over the next five years, noting that there will be a

needed tuition increase. Rector Quillen will keep the student representatives in the loop on this process.

## **V. Announcements**

- Ms. Jones introduced Nick Warrington as the 2013-14 Graduate Representative to the Board of Visitors.
- Mr. Onopa announced that Erica Wood was selected as the 2013-14 Undergraduate Representative to the BOV.
- Mr. Atkins announced that Kylie Gilbert and Chris Tam have both been selected for induction in Omicron Delta Kappa.
- Dr. Perillo announced that Ms. Jones has passed her oral comprehensive exam for her master's program.
- On April 11, at 6:00 p.m., the Graduate Student Assembly will be hosting a fund raising event for Relay for Life: Dueling Piano Performance.
- Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dorph, as a fund raiser for Relay for Life, will be doing the "Battle of the Presidents"
- LGBTQA Pride Week begins on Saturday and they will be hosting a conference in Squires next week.
- Mr. Goodwin announced that Holocaust Awareness Week is two weeks from now.
- Ms. Abdullatif announced that the International Street Fair will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- SGA Elections – Get out and vote.
- Mr. Warrington announced that he is a Practicum student in Student Affairs and they are offering three leadership scholarships to be awarded that will have multiple recipients. You can go to the DSA website for information. The application deadline is April 12. All are encouraged to apply.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Goodwin made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Onopa. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.