

# MINUTES

## **Commission on Student Affairs Meeting**

March 31, 2016

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

### **Attendees**

Susan Anderson, Margaret Appleby, Ben Rivera, Alicia Cohen, Evan Robohm, Zach Greenwald, Luke Carroll, Tuna Shankar, Lauren Surface, Greg Purdy, Tara Reel, Morgan Sykes, Jackie Fisher, Matt Chan, Bradi Rhodes, Reid Thomas, Panisa Jiumdumneankij, Mohammed Seyam, Joycelynn Acheampong

### **Guests**

Abigail Lewis, Rohsaan Settle, Joe Edens, Gabe Cohen, Kyle Gentle, Angela Simmons, Dean Brown

### **Call to Order**

At 3:33pm, Chair Jackie Fisher called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Morgan Sykes made a motion to approve the agenda; Matt Chan seconded, the agenda was approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Resolution on the Expansion of the statement on Self-Reporting and Bystander Intervention for Student Code of Conduct: 2nd Reading**

Mr. Rosaan Settle, Director of Student Conduct, presented Resolution on the Expansion of the statement on Self-Reporting and Bystander Intervention for Student Code of Conduct. Mr. Settle welcomed Kyle Gentle, president for Student for Sensible Drug Policy, to also speak on behalf of the resolution. He said they are happy with the revised version and its ability to take away doubt of students calling to get help for victims. Mr. Settle also emphasized the importance of parking with Students for Sensible Drug Policy and Hokie Wellness to spread the word about this revised policy so that students know how to properly use this system.

Matt Chan made a motion for approval, Morgan Sykes seconded. Jackie Fisher opened the floor for discussion. There were no comments. All members were in favor of this resolution and it passes. This resolution will move to University Council on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Resolution on the Expansion of the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mr. Rosaan Settle, Director of Student Conduct, presented Resolution on the Expansion of the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct. Kyle Gentle, president of Students for Sensible Drug Policy also shared his position on the addition of the words misuse and abuse. Mr. Settle drafted up several documents to further clarify the word “use” of controlled substances, like prescription medication. Mr. Settle looked at the policies at our peer institutions and very few differentiated between “use” of a prescription because the general understanding is that illegal or unlawful use is different than proper use. He passed out a paper with 3 different proposed statements and he explained that there could be holes found in each policy. He emphasized that no language can be perfect, but we must understand the spirit of the policy and the goal is not to get students in trouble, it is to promote health and safety among students.

Matt Chan moved for approval and Morgan Sykes seconded. Jackie Fisher opened the floor for discussion.

Matt Chan asked that if the first version broad enough to not cause misinterpretation whereas the second and third revisions more explicitly state expectations. Mr. Settle replied and said the goal of the policy is not to harm students on technicalities, but prevent students from causing harm to themselves or others.

Greg Purdy asked how student conduct is currently handling students who are abusing prescription drugs because a prescription drug is not an illegal drug or substance controlled under state or federal law. He preferred proposal 3 because it explicitly states that abusing prescription drugs is in violation. Mr. Settle said the cases they are currently receiving are when students are abusing medication and then driving and putting others at risk. This policy is not to take action against overdoses because he sees that as a different issue. VTPD does not view this as a policy issue, instead as a health issue.

Tara Reel said proposal 3 seems more clear about what is legal and what isn't legal.

Matt Chan said that these proposals do not address our issue with the word "use." Zach Greenwald also said that proposal 3 seemed to much more clear about the legal use versus illegal use.

Matt Chan made a motion to amend the current resolution to reflect the changes seen in proposal 3. Alicia Cohen seconded. Jackie Fisher opened the floor for discussion. Jackie Fisher made a motion to vote on the amendment and it was passed unanimously.

Jackie Fisher opened the floor for a vote on the amended resolution, which passed unanimously.

Matt Chan made a motion to amend the agenda putting Homecoming Board before HokiePride and Morgan Sykes seconded. The agenda was amended.

### **C. HokiePride Constitution Changes: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mr. Evan Robohm, campus liaison for HokiePride, presented HokiePride Constitution changes. Based upon the recommendations last week, Evan shared they made some additional changes. These changes were shared with the group.

Morgan Sykes made a motion to move towards approval and Matt Chan seconded. Jackie Fisher opened the floor for discussion.

The constitution was passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **A. Homecoming Board Constitution Changes: 1st Reading**

Ms. Abigail Lewis, President of Homecoming Board, presented Homecoming Board Constitution Changes. Abigail distributed the previous constitution created in 1994 and then read through the updated version of the constitution.

Zach Greenwald asked if this is the same constitution from 1994. Abigail said that they used that constitution as a guideline but the new version is newly revised.

Matt Chan asked who was selecting the new Board. Abigail said the current Board selects members of the new Board. Matt Chan said that the committees could be further clarified.

Tuna noted a typo in Discrimination article and Matt suggested quoting the Principles of Community or University nondiscrimination policy instead of listing out specifics within the constitution.

Abigail will be back next week for the second reading.

### **B. Graduate Student Assembly Constitution Changes: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Matt Chan, president of GSA, presented on Graduate Student Assembly Constitution Changes. Motivation for these changes come from the continued growth in GSA Programs and Events necessitate expansion of leadership, current delegate terms does not give graduate student representation during the summer, some language revisions are necessarily for the changing landscape of university, and several other minor changes. GSA Events will be split between Programs and Events. Several other language changes were made about GAs and staff support for the organization as a UCSO. Matt Chan then went through the new constitution noting several minor clarifying language and grammatical changes.

### **C. Student Budget Board Appeal**

Ms. Jackie Fisher, Chair of CSA, is presenting on Student Budget Board Appeal. We need to create an appeals committee for the appeal coming to CSA by the GSA. Tuna Shankar, Morgan Sykes, Luke Carroll, and maybe Susan Anderson agreed to serve on the appeals committee. The appeal will hopefully be next week, April 7<sup>th</sup>, if the committee finds grounds for an appeal.

### **Announcements**

Matt Chan shared that the GSA Beer and Wine social will be held Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the University Club. \$10 for beer and wine or \$5 for food.

Margaret April 17<sup>th</sup> International Street Fair from 12-5

Evan Robohm shared that HokiePride Pride week is next week. Keynote events are a speaker (partnering with Corp of Cadets) to discuss transgender service members, Spring Drag show on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> and Intersectionality Fair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> in the GLC Multi Purpose room.

Jackie Fisher shared that RHF is hosting 4<sup>th</sup> annual Relay Royale, hosting an event in Owens banquet hall from 7-10pm to raise awareness and donations for Relay for Life.

### **Adjournment**

Matt Chan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tara Reel, and passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.