

Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, April 2, 2015

3:30-5:00 PM

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Present:

Susan Anderson, Cathye Betzel, Matthew Chan, Claire Childress, Alicia Cohen, Rudney Danquah, Austin Dickey, Joseph Edens, Jackie Fisher, Ashley Francis, Morgan Sykes – designee for Austin Larrowe, Patty Perillo, Ethan Poole, Greg Purdy, Robert Sebek, Tuna Shankar, Monika Gibson –designee for Lauren Surface, Jake Tully, Dan Ridenour – designee for Eric Wetzel, Ricardo Zalles Reyes

Absent:

Erica Bassuk, Noha Elsherbiny, Kaleigh Leal, Mary Ann Lewis, Sapna Singh

Guests:

Lucas Kirchhoff, Ryan Hopkins, Jaime Williams, Tricia Smith, Steve Burrell, Max Frischman

I. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Joseph Edens, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. welcoming the group to today's meeting and reviewing the agenda items for discussion. Mr. Joe Edens asked for a motion to adopt the agenda; it was moved by Mr. Greg Purdy, seconded by Mr. Jake Tully, and approved unanimously.

II. Presentations

a. President Tim Sands

Tim Sands, University President, came to CSA in order to answer any questions that members of the Commission and their constituents may have regarding the University.

III. Unfinished Business

a. Graduate Student Assembly Constitutional Changes (Second Reading)

Mr. Purdy gave a brief overview of the changes that were thoroughly explained in the last meeting. Mr. Ridenour moved to vote, the motion was seconded by Ms. Cohen, and the motion was approved unanimously, resulting in Mr. Chan shedding a tear of joy.

IV. New Business

a. Student Budget Board (SBB) Allocation

Mr. Max Frischman and Mr. Steve Burrell presented the Commission with a document containing the allocation strategy of SBB for the 2015-2016 year. Mr. Burrell explained that most figures were based off of figures from last June, as the allocation for the upcoming year will not be known until this coming June. Mr. Frischman and Mr. Burrell asked that the allocation be approved. Mr. Greg Purdy pointed out that the policies of SBB may be changing, but was unsure if the changes would impact the allocation strategy for the upcoming year. Mr. Jake Tully moved to approve, the motion was seconded by Mr. Austin Dickey, and the motion was approved with two abstentions, Mr. Greg Purdy and Mr. Ricardo Zalles Reyes.

V. Commission/Committees/Sub-Committee Updates

The Student Budget Board Policy Committee has met with the Student Budget Board to look at the policy in order to try to improve the committee for following years.

VI. Announcements

Dr. Cordel Faulk of the Board of Visitors will be joining the Commission on April 30th

The new graduate student representative to the Board of Visitors, Mohammed Seyam, was in attendance at the meeting today.

The Corps of Cadets will be attending a ceremony in honor of Matthew La Porte on April 9th at the Blacksburg Cemetery.

Susan Anderson wanted to thank President Sands for his involvement with Take Back the Night.

Tomorrow, April 3, the University Club will have a spring Wine and Beer Social with costs of \$10 for non-delegates, \$5 for delegates, and \$2 for those only consuming food.

The Student Government Association is accepting applications for the Executive Branch until Tuesday, April 7th at 8 PM. Visit the SGA website (sga.vt.edu) for more information.

At 6:00 PM in the Black Cultural Center, the Black Organizations Council is having a community conversation with the Blacksburg Police Department and

the Virginia Tech Police Department to gauge the campus after incidents that occurred in Charlottesville.

VII. Adjournment

With no further announcements or business, Mr. Joe Edens, chair, entertained a motion to adjourn; Mr. Dan Ridenour motioned and Ms. Alicia Cohen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.