

Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, April 25, 2013

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mountain Room- Squires Student Center

**Present:** Marwa Abdel Latif, Monika Gibson, Kristen McCall, Jason Berube, Michael Goodwin, Mary Ann Lewis, Caroline Saputra, Jessica Estariz, Kylie Gilbert, Jake Grohs, Dustin Dorph, Tyler Campbell, Rudney Danquah, Erlan Guzman, Chris Atkins, Shaimaa Abdallah, Elaine Mathis, Cathye Betzel, Dr. Perillo

**Guests:** Guy Sims, Justin Camputaro, Monica Hunter, Anjelica Smith

I. Call to Order

II. Old Business

- a. Student Budget Board      Michael Goodwin  
Dr. Perillo has not heard from Legal Counsel so this issue will be pushed to the fall

III. New Business

- a. Student Budget Board w/ RSO Budget Board      Justin Camputaro & Monica Hunter
  - Monica brought the idea of combining the Student Budget Board and the Registered Student Organization Budget Board to establish a single board to handle all student organization funds. She indicated that combining the boards would streamline the current process, free up staff, and create a consistent process. At this point, no specifics have been determined and the idea is still in the development stage. She wanted to bring this concept before CSA to get their approval.
  - Many questions from CSA delegates arose and were addressed by Monica and Justin.
  - Dustin Dorph asked what would the representation look like on the new budget board. Monica indicated she envisioned the same as the current Student Budget Board. Shaimaa raised concerns about the loss of seats by GSA and that concern was echoed by Dustin for SGA, as well. It was brought up that both organizations currently have trouble filling the seats they have. Dr. Perillio clarified that this is a change in practice, not policy and that was confirmed by Monica. Justin then shared that Student Centers and Activities has been having conversations with students about how they support students. They have a need to maximize existing resources and the current process can be very confusing and stretches staff time. There are hopes to bring an additional graduate student on to help with staffing the process. Justin emphasized that they can not wait until summer to make changes because of the fiscal year and how it will effect organizations. He hopes to get CSA's support so they can continue to move forward. The importance of consistency was emphasized by Michael Goodwin and as a member of the budget board he supports making the change.

Chris Adkins then asked if anyone had any objections to supporting this change, no objections were voiced.

b. Codifying the Chair Position

- Chris Adkins opened discussion by reporting that Dr. Perillo, Tyler Campbell, and he met to help codify the process of selecting the CSA Chair. After some discussion they decided they needed to get recommendations from the CSA body.
- Dr. Perillo recognized Tyler for his efforts to identify and address the following concerns and issues he has seen during his tenure:
  1. Can someone serve as chair if he or she formerly served on CSA but would not be in a leadership position during his or her tenure as chair? Also, could someone serve as chair who was not re-elected by his or her organization?
    - a. **Recommendation:** Look at parallel language of other commissions to be consistent.
    - b. **Recommendation:** The Vice Chair should be a current member but chair could be from the previous commission.
  2. The duration of an individual's term needs to be codified. In the bylaws it indicates each individual serves a 1-year term. Does this include the chair?
  3. Currently the chair loses his or her constituent vote. Should the organization get to appoint another member to represent the group?
    - a. **Recommendation:** The bylaws indicate that the chair is a separate seat, so someone should represent the constituent seat.
  4. Should the chair be someone represented on the CSA organization list or could it be anyone?
    - a. **Recommendation:** It should be someone already in CSA because they know the politics and how the university works.
    - b. **Recommendation:** It must be someone that has previously sat on CSA, not from the general student population.
  5. Does the chair have to hold a leadership role?
  6. Do individuals serve on CSA through virtue of their position or as an organization's representative
    - a. **Recommendation:** Create a rotation system with all represented organizations.
- Discussion concluded due to time with Chris thanking everyone for his or her input.
- Chris Adkins asked if any delegate had any objections going back to old business. No objections were made

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Perillo shared the budget board policy and procedure changes with the commission. The changes indicate that the budget board will not fund organizations that are discriminatory in nature, unless Title IX applies. The organizations can be recognized on campus, but will not receive financial support. The language currently includes all protected classes recognized by Virginia Tech. Gender Identity is not included in those protected classes. Caroline Saputa asked if CSA could include Gender Identity in the language and Dr. Perillo will look into it. The group discussed what discrimination within organizations looks like and how it's reported. Dr. Perillo clarified that the language refers to discrimination in membership, not programming.

A motion to vote was called with a unanimous vote to pass the change in the student budget board policies and procedures.

#### V. Meeting Adjourned at: 4:49