

# MINUTES

## **Commission on Student Affairs Meeting**

September 17, 2015

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

### **Attendees**

Jocelyn Acheampong, Margaret Appleby, Matt Chan, Jared Coplon, Alison Crandall, Jackie Fisher, Panisa Jiumdumneankj, Alexis Medina, Megan Nguyen, Nicole Nguyen, Greg Purdy, Tara Reel, Mohammed Seyam, Jake Tully

### **Guests**

Ennis McCrery, Kelsey Lumpkins, Susan Pedigo, Katie Polidoro, Katie Russo, Gina Tamburro, Jaime Williams

### **Call to Order**

At 3:35pm, Chair Jackie Fisher called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda; agenda was approved.

### **Title IX Focus Groups**

Representatives for Title IX introduced themselves and stated their titles:

- Ennis McCrery, Title IX Investigator & Sexual Violence Prevention Specialist
- Katie Russo, Residential Learning Coordinator
- Kelsey Lumpkins, Project Assistant
- Katie Polidoro, Title IX Investigator & Sexual Violence Prevention Specialist

The research team members explained the focus group is being conducted to find out what information students know about Title IX, reporting and resources, and the investigation process at Virginia Tech. The meeting is meant to be reflective and to learn where improvements can be made.

The commission was advised the discussion is completely voluntary, no names are being recorded, and to feel free to speak openly. Further, if anyone feels uncomfortable at any time during the discussion, they are welcome to leave, no questions asked.

Research team members asked for input on several questions including:

- Who is mandated to report and who is not?
- Who would you talk to if you felt someone violated Title IX?
- How do you expect the university to respond to a Title IX violation or sexual harassment?
- How can the university help those involved feel safe?
- What final outcomes do you expect?
- What can you expect to happen to someone who is responsible for committing an act of violence?
- Do you have suggestions on how we can educate students of their rights?

In closing, it was suggested to the commission that as they engage with their organizations and peers, if they think of ways in which to communicate with their groups, let the research team members know.

### **Announcements**

Jackie Fisher stated nominations for secretary are still being accepted. If no nominations are made, a “rotating” secretary will be asked/assigned to prepare meeting minutes. Nominations close and voting takes place on October 1, 2015.

Matt Chan mentioned the Graduate and Professional School Day on Monday, September 21, 4-7pm in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.