

Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, October 30, 2014

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Present:

Susan Anderson, Cathye Betzel, Luke Carroll, Rudney Danquah, Joseph Edens, Ashley Francis, Lauren Surface-designee for Monika Gibson, Mary Ann Lewis, Lester Schonberger, Jamaica Sykes, Ricardo Zalles Reyes, Meagan Nguyen representing Ethan Poole, Eric Wetzel, Jean Luc Ford, Austin Larrowe, Matthew Chan, Claire Childress, Greg Purdy, Noha Eisherbiny, Jackie Fisher, Robert Sebek, Caythe Betzel, and Sapnah Singh, Ashley Francis, and Patty Perillo

Absent: Alicia Cohen, CJ Caudill, and Elizabeth Lazor

Guests: Tom Brown (Dean of Students), Tricia Smith (Director of Multicultural Purposes and Services (MPS)), Mark Smiley (Assistant director of MPS), Kristen Houston (Assistant Director office of MPS and advisor to the black organizations council), Miguel Martinez, Juan de la Rosa Diaz, Andrea Blanco, Veronica Montes Navesdi Badillo-Delgado, and Dustin Dorph (past SGA President)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Lester Schonberger, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. welcoming the group and guest Mr. Wayne Robinson to today's meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Guest Introductions

a. Mr. Wayne Robinson, Virginia Tech Board of Visitors

The board of visitors is the highest board for volunteers at Virginia Tech. Mr. Wayne Robinson is originally from Greensboro, NC and attended Virginia Tech for his undergraduate career.

Mr. Robinson came to talk to the group about the duty of the Board of Visitors and to get obtain our opinions and thoughts so that they

board can get more involved in student affairs.

Mr. Robinson then opened the floor for the group to discuss the biggest challenges faced by students.

Members of CSA (Commission on Student Affairs) stated many things including: diversity and inclusion, cost, childcare, parking, graduate student affairs, mentorship, globalization, student to faculty ratio, and engagement.

Mr. Wayne Robinson proceeded to say that he would bring all concerns and statements to President Sands.

Mr. Edens moved to put new business to the beginning of the agenda.

IV. New Business

a. Ricardo Zalles Rayes/ Alien Invasion Flyer and Program

Ricardo brought CSA's attention to an offensive flyer that was posted about alien invasion. There was discussion about how the flyers made some students feel and how they were affected by the situation.

Preventatives and preliminaries were discussed involving actions such as this.

Members of CSA stated details about the event including the location, funding, and how students reacted.

Ricardo passed around a support letter created in response to the unfortunate event.

Tom Brown discussed the Bias Protocol procedure CSA requested for the incident to go through the process to be considered a community event as opposed to a contained event.

Joe Edens moved to extend our meeting for fifteen minutes and the motion was seconded.

Joe Edens then commissioned a subgroup in response to this. Joe

Edens and Ricardo will be the head of the subcommittee. Matt Chan moved to establish the subcommittee for this incident. There will be no limit on the number of people who can join. Greg Purdy, Austin Larrowe, Sapna Singh, Noha Eisenber, Jackie Fisher, and Matt Chan will be on the subcommittee.

V. Show & Tell

- a. There was not anyone slated for show and tell today.
- b. Ricardo did a show and tell and CSA members appreciated all of the information and insight.

VI. Commissions/Committees Updates

a. Childcare committee

The committee met last week and there is a review of the peers being done to figure out what they do with childcare.

b. Lester Schonberger/ CEOD Meeting

Mr. Schonberger gave updates about the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOD) meeting where Dr. Shushok was present and there were some updates given about Title IX. Title IX is a federal mandate that asks for gender equity in our community. They also discussed including ethnicity in our principles of community.

c. Matt Chan/Parking

Mr. Chan gave updates about parking and the chicken lot is going under construction and other lots. He suggests that we all complete the parking survey.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion Topics: Religious Holiday Recognition

Lester yielded this until our next meeting.

VIII. Announcements

a. Black Organizations Council (BOC)

There is having a “know your rights” event being held on Monday, November 3rd at 7 p.m.

b. Event hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The event is called “why black men are done with black women”.

IX. Adjournment

- a. With no further announcements or business, Chair, Joe Edens entertained a motion to adjourn; Matt Chan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Greg Purdy. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm and