

Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, November 15th, 2012

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mountain Room – Squires Student Center

Present: Shaimaa Abdallah, Chris Atkins, Cathye Betzel, Tyler Campbell, Claire Childress, Dustin Dorph, Jessica Estariz, Monika Gibson, Kylie Gilbert, Michael Goodwin, Jacob Grohs, Lauren Heming, Mary Ann Lewis, Kristen McCall, Nick Onopa, Patty Perillo, Sophie Tenaglia for Caroline Sapyta, Robert Sebek, Ryan Smith, Jason Beruke for Jay Tucker

Absent: Erlan Guzman, Robyn Jones, Hamdy Mahmoud, Elaine Mathis, Margaret McQuain, Kareim Oliphant

Guests: Gene Deisinger, Ted Faulkner, Carrie Norman, Lester Schenberger, Guy Sims, Jason Soileau, Lisa Wilkes, Sherwood Wilson

I. Call to Order

Mr. Atkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Welcome from Chair

Mr. Atkins expressed his thanks to those in attendance and welcomed the guest speakers.

III. Guest Speakers

a. Ted Faulkner, Director of Dining Services

Mr. Faulkner defined what dining services provides to and for students.

Critical considerations and components of Dining Services' philosophy and service:

- Student Voice
- Student Learning
- Student Education
- Program Marketing & Information

Mr. Faulkner offered a presentation that focused on the following:

- Facility Design
- Involvement with student organization, clubs, and departments (a lot and often)
- Menu Offerings – Diverse Food selections, cooking methods, etc.
- ServSafe and HACCP Program
- Food offerings and special dietary needs
- Community Building
- Special Events and roles they play
- Creating curiosity, interest, and diversity for students
- Sustainability
- Nationally recognized: Dining Services has been ranked within the top three by The Princeton Review for the last seven years and has received the IVY Award

Q & A Feedback

- Take leftovers to feed: Feeding America Southwest Virginia. They come five days a week to pick up left over food as, there is a blast chiller at West End Market where food can be kept safely, until Feeding America can pick it up. Last year, 56,000 lbs of food was diverted.
- Dining Hall Receipts: Because of Policy 3600 , printing of receipts is required. Dining Services is working with the university Controller's Office to try and work out some sort of agreement that would allow them to be more flexible in finding other ways to keep records without printing receipts.
- Special Food Restrictions: Dining Halls are now open later; orders can be taken "to go" to accommodate special needs; they are aware of food choices that fit certain religions, etc.; they are working with legal counsel, purchasing, etc. to be able to meet special needs. Mr. Faulkner noted that challenges are recognized and he encouraged open communication with dining hall managers about concerns, as well as those things that are going well

- Summer Hours: Because they sell less than 200 meal plans in the summer, there is a cost association. The thought process is that if the number of plans were to increase in the summer, then maybe summer hours could be extended.
- Mr. Faulkner announced that they do have a Student Advisory Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., 142 NHW and those would like to join are welcome to do so. He also noted that there is an application process to service on this committee.

b. Sherwood Wilson- Vice President for Administrative Services

Dr. Wilson, introduced Gene Deisinger, Deputy Chief of Police and Director of Threat Assessment; Lisa Wilkes, Assistant Vice President for Business Services; Jason Soileau, Assistant Vice President, Office of University Planning; and Carrie Norman, Communication Manager-Business Services

Parking/Transportation – Lisa Wilkes

Dr. Wilkes shared the following:

- She welcomed feedback post presentation
- Parking and Transportation Committee --This committee is part of the University governance system and includes representation from throughout the university, including a graduate and undergraduate representative.
- Office of University Planning deals with transportation and planning and is working on an initiative over the next two years which is a campus transportation master plan.
- They are looking for student representatives to participate in master plan process.
- The office is looking looking at a bike master plan to look at bike and pedestrian safety program.
- Every other year, parking services does a survey to capture who is using their services and other methods of transportation; This will be coming out in the spring.
- Squires parking spaces are now reopened.
- Residential Student Parking – 300 spaces will be lost in the

- cage, but 900 spaces have been added on chicken hill.
- Service vehicles cannot be ticketed because Virginia Tech cannot collect revenue from a state agency. There are well over 300 service vehicles on this campus every day, thus they end up parking illegally in many places.
 - The bike master plan that is being developed will deal with bike lanes.

Gene Diesinger

Dr. Diesinger shared the following:

- There are 72 emergency blue light phones on campus that are located in high volume areas for pedestrians and parking and in low volume areas where you will be isolated.
- Blue Light Phones should always be in eyesight.
- The Perry St. parking garage has 18 emergency blue light phones.
- Emergency call down phones will be placed in residence halls and academic buildings in the future.
- In the process of adding a blue light phone between GLC and University Club.
- Response time if an emergency blue light is used: the goal is to have 94% of call times under three minutes.
- Students should contact the VT Police or Facilities to make them aware of areas that seem unsafe.

Jason Soileau – Construction Update

- Center for the Arts – Expected completion date – Sept 2013.
- College Avenue Promenade – a Blacksburg Town project in conjunction with Virginia Tech - Expected completion date – July 2013.
- Turner Street Project is a Foundation/private developer project that will be mixed use office and retail space. The office space will be used for Virginia Tech employees. There will be an 810 space garage adjacent to this space that will free-up spaces for campus – Expected completion date - Dec. 2012; move into office space, March 2013.

- Signature Engineering Building is scheduled to open in February 2014.

Project Development Update

- New Classroom Building – located in Derring Hall Lot, is in the schematic design phase.
- A Multi-Modal Facility, in conjunction with Blacksburg Transit (Perry St. Corridor) will accommodate several modes of transportation.
- B Lot Precinct Plan – this will be a dynamic pedestrian corridor.

Bike Parking/Lanes,

- Bike Lanes – the goal is to separate bicycles from pedestrians.

Goals of Bike Parking

- Quantity
- Location
- Design Standard
- Must be intentional and thoughtful
- Quantity Method

IV. Committee Reports - No Reports

V. Old Business

a. Student Forums

- i. The next forum will be November 29, 7:00PM in 304 Johnston Student Center, at 7:00 p.m.

b. BOV Breakfast

Students had the opportunity to have breakfast with the full Board on Sunday and breakfast with the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee on Monday morning which also included a tour of Turner place. Mr. Dorph reported that the board members were very engaged in their discussion.

c. CSA Survey for Student/Constituent Opinions

The survey is still open and results will be discussed at the

November 29 meeting.

d. Consultant Visit

It was reported that the students who attend learned a lot about student governance, importance of student leaders' relationships, and they have been having conversations on how to improve those relationships.

e. SGA Legislation- Dustin Dorph

Mr. Dorph presented the second reading of the resolution to increase use of Evergreen Plants in university landscaping. Ms. Gibson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Abdallah. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dorph presented the second reading of the resolution for Request of Electrical Outlet Expansion. Mr. Goodwin made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Gibson. The motion carried.

VI. Next Meeting

Mr. Atkins announced that at the next meeting we will have Constituent Reports and the architect for the Library will do a presentation on the 2nd floor.

VII. Adjournment – Mr. Campbell made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Goodwin. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.