

## MINUTES

Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs  
November 21, 2024  
3:30pm  
CID, Multipurpose Room (Room 104)

**Present:** Aarav Parikh (presiding), Kat Nelson (representing James Bridgeforth), April Meyers (representing Kim O'Rourke), Lauren Surface, Mantu Hudait, Dee Hopkins, Sarah Armstrong, Yohan Sequeira, Joe Wilder (Representing Keely Whitesell), Daniel Cherkasskiy, Jungwoo Choi, and Ethan Chang.

**Absent with Notice:** Tamara Cherry-Clark, Jeril Anthony, Anusha Dhungana, and James Bridgeforth (representing Frances Keene).

**Absent:** Ronnie Mondal, Crasha Townsend, and Kimberly Smith.

**Guests:** Morgen Snowadzky, Brooke Cassandra-Maple, Jennifer Payne Juarez, and Nathan Brown.

Aarav Parikh called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm. A quorum was present.

### **1. Announcement of the Order of Business**

### **2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Aarav Parikh noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: [governance.vt.edu](https://governance.vt.edu)

### **3. Unfinished Business**

1. AASU Constitution Second Reading Tommy Le

A motion was made and seconded to approve the AASU constitution. The motion carried.

2. Change to USS representation on CUSA Aarav Parikh

Aarav shared that the resolution proposal has been submitted to the University Council Cabinet.

### **4. New Business**

1. VTU Constitution Nathan Brown

Nathan presented on the constitution changes. The two changes highlighted were updating the VTU name to Virginia Tech Activities Board and combining two executive officer positions

### **5. CUSA Conversations**

1. "How can the university facilitate and support experiential learning initiatives for undergraduate students?"

The discussion focused on how experiential learning is defined, what information students receive on experiential learning opportunities, and the inconsistencies students can experience between different colleges and majors. Commission members expressed interest in having a discussion with the Academy for Experiential Learning and supporting students being able to more easily get connected with experiential learning opportunities. They also wanted to explore if there's more opportunities to have experiential learning opportunities be counted for academic credit while balancing affordability, fitting these experiences into their degrees, and giving flexibility for different student needs and lived experiences.

## 2. SPOT Survey Responses

The next discussion focused on increasing SPOT survey responses to better enhance faculty instruction and improve the undergraduate student classroom experience. Commission members expressed interest in learning about the SPOT survey management process with The Office of Analytics and Institutional Effectiveness. The next steps for this discussion include learning about how the SPOT surveys are managed, gaining feedback from both faculty and undergraduate students on the process, learning between different colleges what impact SPOT surveys have on classroom instruction, and how this feedback can be utilized to create action steps for the commission to work on.

3. The Commission discussed meeting twice a month for a shorter time to continue these discussions and create action steps to achieve for this academic year.

## **6. Announcements**

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm. The next CUSA meeting is on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the CID Multipurpose Room.