

Commission on Student Affairs Minutes
February 4, 2021
3:30 PM
Zoom

Present: Victoria Dashevsky (presiding), Anisha Hari, Grant Bommer, Lauren Surface, Heather Wagoner, Tara Frank, Sara Wynkoop, Jes Davis, Kayla Alward, Danielle Panico, April Myers, Nicholas Martinelli, Kase Poling, Frank Shushok, Jess Nguyen, Conrad Briles, Abby Patterson, James Bridgeforth, Susanna Rinehart, Ariana Guevara, Steve Matsuszak, Camellia Pastore, Elmouiz Elfaski, Tim Lin, Amanda Coleman, Kenlee Andreu, Kimberly Smith, Jennifer Pike, Nathaniel Soss, Maruf Hoque

Absent with Notice: n/a

Absent: Ariana Labat, Awad Abdelhalim, Camille Roberts, Katherine Franz, Miles Guth, Sabrina Sturgeon, Spencer Hamilton, Tahreem Alam

Guests: April Myers, Heather Wagoner, James Bridgeforth, Kenlee Andreu, Nick Martinelli

Victoria Dashevsky called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. University Council and Commission Updates

- a. University Council - Victoria Dashevsky
 - i. Victoria shared that Professor Bob Hicok presented a resolution to the University Council, to which three new majors were added. In addition, there was a presentation given on the 4H Centers.

- b. Academic Support Committee – Victoria Dashevsky
 - No update.

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

A. Commission on Faculty Affairs

Victoria shared that The Commission on Faculty Affairs edited Resolution CSA 2020-21C. Discussion was had about the edits, and there was a consensus that the committee wants to know why the two-thirds majority vote clause was removed. This Resolution will have to be re-approved.

B. Future for CSA

Victoria opened the floor posing the question to the committee as to what they specifically want CSA to work on throughout the Spring semester.

- a. Spring Break Days
 - Discussion was had regarding the fact that students do not believe the current Spring Break schedule is actually providing much of a “break”.
 - i. Dean of Students will be meeting next week to discuss this growing concern

b. Concerns about Partying Off Campus

- i. Discussion was had that there should be more enforcement of, and more consequences for, students who have been breaking social distancing guidelines

c. COVID Crisis

- i. Students are looking to have more awareness for the services VT offers, such as emergency housing
- ii. Student Government passed a letter to faculty and staff asking for more leniency for students in regards to COVID

d. Making Resources more Accessible to Students

- i. Many students feel as if academic advisors are not well-informed
- ii. Students are looking for ways to update the VT website in order to make it a better search engine

e. Collaborative Letter to Students

- i. Sarah shared that SGA is working on a letter to be pushed out to all students. It will detail reminders on how to stay COVID-safe, as well as various lesser-known resources that are provided by Virginia Tech

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 18 @ 3:30pm.