

MINUTES

COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 14, 2022 @ 3:30-5pm

GLC - Meeting Room B

Present: Anthony Tran (for Prince Wang), Anusha Prasad (for Alice Fox), Ariana Guevara, Ashlyn Top, Caroline Lohr, Danielle Panico, Ennis McCreery, Jack Leff, James Bridgeforth (for Frank Shushok), Juwan Jacobs (for Heather Wagoner), Kit Friedman, Lauren Surface, Mohamed Hussein, Monica Hunter (for Kimberly Smith), Monica Nguyen, Morgan Salvato, Paolo Fermin, Robert Emmett (for Terri Pecora), Sarah Munford (for Sidney Stearns), Susanna Rinehart, Tamara Cherry-Clarke, Will Snyder

Absent: Ainsley Cragin, Amanda Coleman, Benjamin Janosy, Ege Onar, Jen Pike, Justin Ratcliffe, Kamla Al Amri, Michael Chin, Phil Miskovic, Senija Davis

Guests: April Myers, Gina Tamburro, Miles Guth

Ariana Guevara called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. A quorum was present.

1) Attendance

2) Adoption of Agenda

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

3) Approval and Posting of Minutes

- Ariana noted that the minutes for March 17, 2022 have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the web: <http://www.governance.vt.edu>

4) CSA Announcements

- Ariana shared that orange and white honor cords are being ordered for graduating members
- If cords arrive in time, they will be handed out at the April 28 meeting
- Should the cords arrive after the 28th, Erica will be in contact with graduating members confirming specific days/times to personally pick up cords in 225 Squires

5) Old Business

- a. Jack Leff presented four resolutions for first reading (see attached)
 - CSA Resolution 2021-22A – (GPSS Resolution to *Establish VT as a Sanctuary Campus and Expand Protections for Undocumented Students*)
 - CSA Resolution 2021-22B – (GPSS Resolution to *Expand Protections for International Students and Establish a Bridge Fund*)
 - CSA Resolution 2021-22C – (GPSS Resolution to *Make Student Readily Available for Graduate Students During the Semester and Summer*)
 - CSA Resolution 2021-22D – (GPSS Resolution for *Secure Equitable Funding for Cook Counseling*)

Discussion followed, and second reading is set for April 28, 2022

6) New Business

- a. Monica Nguyen presented the Asian American Student Union (AASU) updated constitution and bylaws for a first reading (see attached)
 - Discussion followed, and second reading is scheduled for April 28, 2022
- b. Gina Tamburro and Anusha Prasad shared Student Budget Board (SBB) updates
 - Presentation was given highlighting Production Finance Approvals, along with an overview of SBB Appropriations (see attached)
- c. Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs (CUSA)
 - Two hours prior to the meeting, Ariana emailed members a link to the USS Transition Team presentation, (found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4uKP4maGkU>), explaining in detail the transition from Student Government Association (SGA) to the Undergraduate Student Senate (USS). In the new VT five senate governance structure, USS is one of the five branches.
 - Members were encouraged to watch the presentation prior to the meeting
 - Dr. James Bridgeforth and Miles Guth shared a Student Governance Task Force presentation (see attached)
 - Discussion was had, and all questions raised, comments, and/or concerns were addressed

7) University Council and Commission Updates

- a. University Council Update
 - Ariana shared that University Council met on Monday, March 21, and the following resolutions were heard, discussed, and passed:
 - 1) Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
Resolution CGPSP 2021-22D - Equitable and Cost-of-Living Responsive Graduate Student Compensation
 - 2) University Council - Resolution UC 2021-22B
Resolution to Rename the College of Architecture and Urban Studies
 - The new, official name is now the **College of Arts, Design, and Architecture**
 - 3) University Council – Resolution UC 2021-22A
Resolution to Clarify Language in the Faculty Handbook Regarding Extending the Tenure and Continued Appointment Clock

8) Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:03pm.

Last Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022