# MINUTES

## **Commission on Student Affairs**

University Council, Virginia Tech February 28, 2019 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Room 219, Squires Student Center

**Present:** John Livingston and Collin Shelton (presiding), Susan Anderson, Elysia Budu, Sam Felber, Rebecca Forest, Tara Frank, Samantha Fried, Gregory Klatt, Billy Lin, Saron Minasie, Sebastian Murillo, Terri Pecora, Patty Perillo, Lauren Surface, Julie Tang, Colie Touzel, and Lotus Wang

**Absent:** Sebastian Andrade, Joe Clark, Caed Cunningham, Jes Davis, Rachel Iwicki, Marc Lewis, Keith Robus, Abdul-Rahman Sanuri, Ruofan Shen, Veronica Scott, Angela Simmons

Present via Zoom: Jonathan Poff

Guests: Caroline English, Gina Tamburro, Eryn Peters

John Livingston called the meeting to order at 3:34pm. A quorum was present.

- 1. Introductions & Attendance (John Allen Livingston)
- 2. Approval of Agenda (John Allen Livingston)
  - a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2019
  - a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with edits given by Susan Anderson. The motion carried.
- 4. University Council and Commission Updates
  - a. University Council (John Allen Livingston)
    - i. Haven't met since the last meeting
  - b. Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (Elysia Budu)
    - i. Next meeting is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - c. Academic Support Committee (John Allen Livingston)
  - i. No information

#### 5. Old Business

- a. Zoom Integration (John Allen Livingston)
  - i. Technology for Zoom meeting capability is working
  - ii. Motion was made and seconded to table further discussion of voting until technology issues are resolved. The motion carried.

#### 6. New Business

- a. HokiePRIDE Constitution (John Allen Livingston)
  - i. John talked at length about the new UCSO constitution ratification process.
  - ii. Motion was made and seconded to approve HokiePRIDE Constitution. The motion carried.
- b. Student Budget Board Reallocation (Gina Tamburro and Eryn Peters)
  - i. They had proposed AV equipment (projector lightbulbs etc.) in classrooms be more easily accessible for student orgs to rent. Currently only an advisor can grant access for an organization to use the AV equipment.
  - ii. However, nothing has come to fruition as they've gone back and forth in this complicated undertaking which is taking much longer than first anticipated. Therefore, this may be an opportunity in the future for next semester or next year.
  - iii. Currently there is \$14,000 left in Budget Board allocations
  - iv. SBB requests that money be moved over for RSO allocations
  - v. \$12,000 AV equipment in classrooms for swipe access to enable use the of projectors by student orgs
  - vi. Rather than deny requests, they currently have 20 to 30 orgs held in queue should funds become available.

- vii. A motion was made and seconded to approve the reallocation of \$12K from AV Equipment pool to RSO allocations. The motion carried.
- c. Take Back the Night Presentation (Caroline English, Director of Take Back the Night)
  - i. Button left over from last year were distributed during meeting.
  - ii. Purpose of annual rally and march is to raise awareness of gender-based violence.
  - iii. PowerPoint presentation was shown.
  - iv. Meetings are on Wednesday's @ 7:30pm in Lavery 330
  - v. The event is scheduled for Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm on the Henderson Lawn with pre-rally music beginning @ 6:30pm
  - vi. What can you do? Participate as an individual, or as an organization or just help spread the word.
  - vii. A motion was made and seconded for CSA to sponsor Take Back the Night. The motion carried.
- d. Mock Interviews with Undergraduate BOV Rep. Candidates (Rachel Iwicki)
  - i. Three final candidates will come before CSA during our next meeting on March 21st for a mock interview.
  - ii. It was brought up for open discussion that in the past former CSA interviews had gone awry by way of asking inappropriate questions.
  - iii. Question was asked how many applications were received this year. There are a total of eight candidates on the graduate student side.
  - iv. Currently Rachel is not sharing numbers about UG application process.
  - v. Rachel will provide additional information to aid CSA in questions not to ask and questions to ask during the mock interview.
  - vi. Each interview will be approximately 15 minutes in length at which time Zoom will be paused.
  - vii. It was brought up that we should still offer this same opportunity for our Grad students.

### 7. Announcements & Updates

- a. Student Affairs (Dr. Patty Perillo)
  - i. New Student and Family Programs Welcome Week Leader deadline extended until Friday encourage them to apply
  - ii. Looking to hire a Financial Literacy Professor as debt is at an all time high. They will teach a Financial Planning Program on credit card and debt management.
  - iii. Program Director First Generation of College Student Dr. Angela Simmons will be heading up search and hiring.
  - iv. Student Affairs Advancement Team consists of four parts. Each of these Boards provides philanthropic support to Student Affairs.
    - 1. Alumni Advisory Board
    - 2. Young Alumni Advisory Board
    - 3. Parent Council
    - 4. IWILL Council (Inspiring Women in Lifelong Leadership)
  - v. Updates from the Board meeting in March
    - 1. Student Wellness project fall 2021 War Memorial Gym. Don't know what all of the opportunities are as of yet. One option is putting a tent over tennis courts for auxiliary space until project is done.
    - 2. Dietrick Hall (D2) Hall overhang to be installed over outside chairs adding 200 to 220 more seats
    - 3. Two new resident halls open Summer 2021
    - 4. PLANNING PERIOD 2026
      - a. ROTC Centralizing Destination Area
      - b. Two new Dining Halls on academic side of campus
- b. Student Government Association (Sam Felber)
  - i. Blacks State of the Union Address
  - ii. Programs not in place for when they get there
  - iii. University Council First Indigenous Peoples' Day will be celebrated this October on Columbus Day (Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - iv. Space and Student Organizations (Dr. Heather Wagoner has been working on)
  - v. Event space, org space, study space....send to Sam to move forward
  - vi. Title 9 Chair updates to come later
- c. Graduate Student Assembly (Sam Fried)
  - i. VP resigned hoping to get that filled and attend meetings
  - ii. 4 resolutions on their agenda tonight

- iii. Fossil fuel
- iv. One resolution is Take Back the Night
- d. Board of Visitors Representatives (Rachel Iwicki)
  - i. No update
  - ii. Rachel is helping to inform what they are talking about and what they need to hone in on
- e. Other, etc. (CSA Representatives)
  - i. RHF will be sponsoring Take Back the Night
  - ii. Commit up and running open to all students all campus quads building in general
  - iii. Don't discriminate whether you live on or off. Can come they would love to have you.
  - iv. NEXT MEETING: March 21st

#### 8. Adjournment

a. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:28pm