

**Commission on Student Affairs**  
**April 1, 2010**  
**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Brush Mountain Room**  
**Squires Student Center**

**Present:** Bo Hart for Brandon Carroll, Kimberly Carlson, Thomas Beckwith for Ashley Davis, Rick Ferraro, Laura Freeman, Rebecca French, Monika Gibson, Meg Gough, Frank Hernandez, Monica Hunter, Monique Johnson, Sara Brickman for Aimee Kanode, Brad Klein, Nathan Lavinka, Marco Leung, Mary Ann Lewis, Shane McCarty, Michelle McLeese, Thomas Medina, Matt Penny, Donna Ratcliffe, Adam Rubin, Robert Sebak, Sharmin Shamsalsadati, Guy Sims, Ed Spencer, Leighton Vila, Ben Wade, Rawlin Jefferson for Lauren Thompson

**Absent:** Kimberly Brown, Tom Brown, Kristin Carr, Liana Farb, Brian Golden, Shivana Handa, Kristina Hartman, Anna LaMascolo, Frank Shushok, John Steger, Nigel Wray

**Guests:** Kevin Ayoub, James Karty, Caroline Gimenez, Kristina Roder

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. McLeese, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 P.M.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion was made to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and the agenda approved.

**III. Welcome and Chair Update(s)**

- Any appeals after Budget Board Awards will be heard by the Commission on Student Affairs. The last CSA meeting is scheduled for April 22, but if it is necessary to hear Budget Board appeals, there may be a need to have a meeting on April 29. If the April 29 meeting is called, Budget Board appeals will be the only agenda item.
- Ms. French announced that the 2010-2011 Graduate Student Representative to the Board of Visitors is Deepu George from the college of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences. Ms. McCleese announced that Shane McCarty, is the 2010-2011 Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Visitors. Both appointments will begin on July 1, 2010.
- At University Council, the Commission on Staff Affairs passed a winter break closing resolution that will go into effect for 2011-12 and a couple of first reading resolutions were presented, one to change the name of the College of Natural Resources to the College of Natural Resources and Environment and a resolution for a new masters program in the Arts.

- CEOD
  - a. Pride Week began on Monday, March 29.
  - b. March 30 - a forum on LBGTA issues in the GLC Multipurpose Room
  - c. Discussion about Westboro Baptist Church coming to campus to try and get a position on how to address whatever occurs while they are here. There will be a counter protest on the GLC Plaza and they will also do a fund raising for Relay for Life to make this a positive event.

#### IV. Guest Speakers

##### A. Monica Hunter, Interim Director of Student Activities, and Steve Burrell, Assistant Director of Student Activities

Ms. Hunter gave a brief presentation on the funding strategy for 2010-11 which covered the total funds available and the 2010-2011 appropriations schedule. Total appropriations for 2010-11 is \$1,056,386. There will be another presentation at the next CSA meeting of what organizations got what and what was cut. It was noted that funding requests were down this year. Ms. Hunter asked for volunteers to make up the Budget Board Appeals Committee: The following volunteered: Robert Sebak will serve as chair, Monique Johnson, Rebecca French, Kim Carlson, Adam Rubin, and Ben Wade.

##### B. Guy Sims, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Virginia Tech On Campus Amplification Policy

Dr. Sims introduced Kevin Ayoub who distributed the policy on campus amplification. He talked about how the current policy affects student groups and accepted feedback from the Commission. There are two separate policies; one applies to areas considered around academic spaces and the other applies to areas considered around residence hall spaces. Because the drillfield is in the center a unified policy is needed and they recommend that something be added that defines what the drillfield space is designated as because it is a popular location for such events. Dr. Spencer noted that this is an administrative policy, not a governance policy. Ms. Gibson suggested that the GLC Plaza also be included in this policy. Following discussion it was decided that the Commission needs to take this topic back to their constituents to get their perspective and to charge a sub-committee to bring back a report to the April 22 meeting. Mr. Ayoub will chair the sub-committee and the other members are: Monique Johnson, Monika Gibson, Nathan Lavinka, Shane McCarty, Brad Klein, Mary Ann Lewis, and Meg Gough

## V. Old Business

- A. Laura Freeman and Kristina Hartman, Co-Chairs, CSA-Membership Review Subcommittee, Resolution to change membership to CSA—Undergraduate and Graduate Chief Justice Seats, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Ms. Freeman presented the second reading to change membership to CSA by removing the Undergraduate Chief Justice and Graduate Chief Justice seats on the Commission. Ms. Freeman made a motion to accept the resolution and it was seconded. Kimberly Carlson noted that the positions are not student organizations and they do have voices on other commissions, so if someone needs to go, she suggested it be their seats. If the seats were eliminated, the Chair and Vice Chair could keep communication open with them to keep them informed. Ms. Gibson noted that she sees herself in a connecting role for the Graduate Honor System and Dr. Lewis, who serves the undergraduate honor system, could do the same, but she does see value in having the chief justices sitting on the committee. Dr. Spencer moved that we table for the moment and go on to discussion of the other resolution.

- B. Laura Freeman and Kristina Hartman, Co-Chairs CSA Membership Review Subcommittee, Resolution to change membership to CSA – Restructuring of Non-Student Seats, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Ms. Freeman explained that this change results in eliminating overlapping positions for administrators. A motion was made and seconded to vote to change restructuring aforementioned non-student seats. Discussion: For clarification, this would cut four positions. Motion was made to conclude discussion, the motion was seconded and the discussion was closed. Ms. McLeese called for a vote on resolution to change memberships to CSA and this one specifically with restructuring of non-student seats. The motion carried. Dr. Spencer then put the previous motion back on the table. The motion was seconded and passed.

The resolution for Chief Justice seats was now back on the table and following a brief discussion, Dr. Spencer called for the question. The vote was 12 in favor, five votes against, and 8 abstentions. Thus, this resolution did not pass.

- C. Rohsaan Settle, Associate Director for the Office of Student Conduct, UPSL/Hokie Handbook Review Committee, Resolution for Expansion of the Abusive Conduct Policy for Student Code of Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Mr. Settle presented the second reading by asking for questions and clarifying that this resolution was regarding the recording of images without knowledge. A motion was made to support the change and was seconded. With there being no discussion, the motion was made to close discussion and move to the question. The motion was seconded and the vote was called. With a unanimous vote, the resolution was passed.

D. Rohsaan Settle, Associate Director for the Office of Student Conduct, UPSEL/Hokie Handbook Review Committee, Resolution for Expansion of the Disorderly Conduct Policy for Student Code of Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Mr. Settle explained that this change addresses specifically interfering with the student code of conduct process in the ways listed in resolution. A motion was made and seconded and the floor was open for discussion. Following a brief discussion, motion was made to close discussion, motion was seconded and Ms. McLeese called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Leighton Vila and Tom Medina, Co-Chairs, Subcommittee on CSA-CT concerns regarding on-line commenting

Leighton and Tom did a power point presentation for their Readership Survey:

- Timeframe – April 5 – April 30
- Sampling – all persons with vt.edu addresses
- Reviewed the questions – Demographics, General Readership questions, Representation

Committee members made suggestions were made to enhance the survey:

- Targeted individuals should be faculty, staff, students, and community
- A month is probably too long to keep the survey open—maybe two weeks is more appropriate.
- Add alumni to sample

Ms. McLeese thanked Mr. Vila and Mr. Medina for their work.

## VI. **New Business**

A. CSA Chair and Vice Chair 2010-2011 Nominations/Elections

Michelle encouraged members to approach either position noting that she and Mr. McCarty will assist with transition along with Dr. Spencer. She then asked for nominations from the floor: The nominations for Chair were:

Nathan Lavinka - Accepted  
Nominations for Vice Chair:  
Meg Gough - Accepted  
Leighton Vila – Declined  
Sandy Bass (self-nominated)

Following nominations each candidate was asked to make a statement in support of their candidacy. Mr. Lavinka made his statement for the position of Chair of CSA.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the Chair, and the floor was open for discussion. Following a brief discussion, motion to close discussion was seconded and the vote was called. Nathan Lavinka was unanimously elected as the 2010-2011 Chair of CSA.

Motion was made and seconded to vote on the Vice Chair and discussion was opened. Each Vice Chair candidate made statements in support of their nomination. After defining the responsibilities of the Vice Chair, a motion was made to close discussion, motion was seconded and Ms. McCleese called for the vote. The candidates were asked to leave the room and it was the consensus of the group to vote to bring Ms. McGough in as Vice Chair for the fall semester and Mr. Bass as Vice Chair for the spring semester.

B. Student Legal Services Lawyer Search

Ms. Hunter announced that Bruce Phillips, the Student Legal Advisor, is leaving on June 30 so they need to do a search to replace him. She was seeking individuals who will be here this summer to serve on the search committee (search will occur around May 17 – 21). Those who volunteered were: Nathan Lavinka, Rebecca French, Sara Brickman, Ron Jefferson, Kim Carlson, Erica Swanson, and Mary Ann Lewis. Kristina Hartman will also be asked to serve on the search committee.

**VII. Announcements**

- The Jewish Student Union is looking for new executive officers. They will be holding an information session on April 5 and 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- April 9 is Relay for Life, 6pm

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda M. Rogers  
Recording Secretary