

## Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, February 28th, 2013

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mountain Room – Squires Student Center

**Present:** Shaimaa Abdallah, Marwa Abdullatif, Cathye Betzel, Tyler Campbell, Claire Childress, Dustin Dorph, Jessica Estariz, Designee for Chris Tam, Monika Gibson, Kylie Gilbert, Michael Goodwin, Erlan Guzman, Lauren Heming, Robyn Jones, Mary Ann Lewis, Elaine Mathis, Kristen McCall, Nick Onopa, Patty Perillo, Caroline Sapyta, Robert Sebek, Ryan Smith, Jay Tucker

**Absent:** Chris Atkins (with notice), Jacob Grohs (with notice), Margaret McQuain (with notice), Kareim Oliphant

**Guests:** Priscilla Alvarez, CT; Catherine Cotrupi, MPS; Melissa Durandt, CT; Kristen Houston, MPS; Jaime Joslin, SCA; Frank Shushok, DSA; Angela Simmons, Student Conduct; Guy Sims; SCA; Chris Tam, AASU

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Nick Onopa at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Dorph moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Tyler Campbell. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

### II. New Business

- a. CSA Commitments – Patty Perillo, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Perillo commented on and acknowledged some of the commitments that CSA members have made and expressed her thanks for the work that is being done, noting that CSA is important to the University and that everyone attending matters.
- b. CSA Barriers/Solutions – Patty Perillo  
Dr. Perillo shared some of the barriers that were discussed at the CSA retreat that was held in January.
  1. CSA does not always know its purpose and focus. She reinforced that the primary purpose of CSA is to look at policies that impact undergraduate and graduate students.
  2. There is a historical lack of training and folks don't get to know each other. So next year there will be a full day retreat prior to school opening and another retreat in January to spend time building relationships, understanding the purpose, etc. There is going to be some very specific training for CSA members. During this discussion Ms. Abdullatif noted that CISO had done a survey and found that international students do not feel integrated into the community; thus, there needs to be something on an even larger scale where members of international student clubs can come together in a setting to meet, get to know each other, share their purposes, history, etc. Dr. Perillo addressed her concerns.

- c. Campus Clubs Bill - Nick Onopa  
Mr. Onopa reported that in doing some research on the Campus Clubs Bill, there is definitely a need for response to this bill, which would allow any student organization, not only religious and political, to discriminate. Mr. Onopa and Ms. Jones have already drafted a letter of support against this bill, as have has other universities, requesting that the governor veto this legislature. Michael Goodwin noted that he is also working on a resolution to bring forth for discussion that would prohibit the Budget Board from funding organizations that discriminate. Ms. Abdallah added that GSA would be glad to also write a letter of support.  
Another suggestion was that each organization bring forth their own letter to CSA as a show of support and work with their peer organizations at other universities in the state.
- d. Hokie Handbook Proposed Changes - Angela Simmons, Director of Student Conduct  
Ms. Simmons presented the first readings for several proposed changes to The Hokie Handbook:
1. The Expansion of the Abusive Conduct Policy related to the recording and distribution of audio/visual material without consent and the issue of harassment.
  2. Expansion of the Drug Policy as it relates to the possession of used or unused drug paraphernalia.
  3. Expansion of the Unauthorized Entry Policy adding the wording “attempting to enter” public or private property and/or facilities.
- Ms. Simmons addressed questions and recommendations about each proposed change and will be prepared to attend the next CSA meeting for the second reading.
- e. Alcohol Policies – Angela Simmons  
Ms. Simmons, in response to a question, noted that no changes are made to policy without going to the Hokie Handbook Committee first and then to CSA. She explained that the Hokie Handbook Committee is comprised of faculty and staff and input is solicited from students.  
In response to a question about the student organization violation/referral process, she and Dr. Frank Shushok, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, explained that the organization process is very similar to the individual violation/referral process. Because Mr. Onopa had some very specific concerns, the suggestion was made that Dr. Shushok and Ms. Simmons set up a meeting to have a more in-depth discussion outside the CSA forum.
- f. SGA Resolutions – Dustin Dorph, President of SGA  
Mr. Dorph presented the first reading of the SGA resolution to request a plan for the installment of water bottle refilling stations in new campus construction and renovation projects. It was recommended that Mr. Dorph take this back to SGA for a redraft to focus more specifically on a policy change or take it directly Dr. Sherwood Wilson and the facilities area to see what the constraints might be and whether there is already a similar plan in place. This resolution may or may not come back to CSA for a second reading.

- g. New/ Listed Agenda Items for Next Meeting- Commission Members  
Since there is already a list of agenda items in place, it was suggested that the agenda items for future meetings, be discussed according to who is available to attend.

### **III. Announcements**

- Dr. Perillo announced changes in the organizational structure of the Division of Student Affairs  
Director of Leadership – will work with the SGA advisor and a graduate student to develop leadership development opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students. This will allow staff in Student Centers and Activities to do more night and weekend programs and provide for a specific focus and training for UCSOs and RSOs.  
Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion – The Director of Cranwell International Center and the Director of MPS will report to this Associate Dean with the hope that our work with domestic students and international students will become more integrated.
- Mr. Onopa announced that they have received highly qualified candidates for the graduate and undergraduate representatives to the BOV positions and will be conducting interviews.

### **IV. Adjournment**

Mr. Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Dorph seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.