

Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, April 17, 2014

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Present:

Shaimaa Abdallah, Maria Andrade, Brent Ashley, Cathye Betzel, Matthew Chan, Claire Childress, Adil Dittmer, Joseph Edens, Shreya Ramanathan-designee for Noha ElSherbiny, De'Ashley Spain-designee for Morgan Esters, Lauren Surface-designee for Monika Gibson, Kylie Gilbert, Lucy Adams-designee for Jacob Grohs, Vaishnav Krishnan, Megan O'Neill-designee for Mary Ann Lewis, Peter Nettekoven, Patty Perillo, Greg Purdy, Caroline Sapyta, Lester Schonberger, Robert Sebek, Erica Wood

Absent:

Christiana Connolly, Jean-Luc Ford, Margaret McQuain, Jay Tucker, Nick Warrington

Guests:

Michael Goodwin, Austin Larrowe, Chad Mandala, Christian Matheis, Danny Mathews (MPS), Bryan Mitchell (SGA), Jaime Williams (LEC)

I. Call to Order

Ms. Kylie Gilbert, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. welcoming the group to today's meeting and reviewing the agenda items for discussion.

II. Welcome from Chair

Ms. Kylie Gilbert reminded the group that the agenda is full and a speaker list will be utilized to maintain order.

Ms. Gilbert noted that the Dining Receipts Resolution had a first reading at the University Council meeting on April 7, 2014. The Hokie Handbook and Policy 8000 Resolutions will have a first reading at the next University Council Meeting on April 21, 2014.

III. Guest Speakers

There were no guest speakers.

IV. Commissions/Committees Updates

a. Budget Board Working Group – Lester Schonberger

Mr. Lester Schonberger stated he met recently with Ms. Monica Hunter and reviewed duties and responsibilities of the Budget Board Vice-Chair. Mr. Schonberger explained further that such duties include corresponding with Student Budget Board members, convening over Budget Board meetings, and attending CSA meetings once or twice per semester. Mr. Schonberger will continue working with Monica Hunter to share recommendations and future define.

There were no other commission/committee updates to report.

V. Old Business

No items to report.

VI. New Business

a. Chair Elections

Ms. Kylie Gilbert moved the chair election agenda item up to the first item of new business. Candidates include (in alpha order):

- Mr. Joe Edens (present)
- Mr. Jean-Luc Ford (absent, therefore forfeiting his nomination)
- Mr. Austin Larowe (present)
- Mr. Lester Schonberger (present)

Each candidate was given the opportunity to provide a 2-minute introductory address to the CSA membership. The membership then posed the same question to all nominees (“What direction do you see this commission going in the coming year?”), after which the nominee was allowed a 2-minute response.

Following each candidate’s introductory address and question response, the commission went into closed deliberation and vote. After several minutes of discussion and advocating on behalf of nominees, a motion was entertained, moved, seconded, and made to end discussion and take a vote. The voting commenced. Joe Edens was the successful nominee elected as the 2014-2015 Chair for the Commission on Student Affairs.

b. Policy 1025 Legislation – Greg Purdy

Two pieces of legislation pertaining to Policy 1025 exist, but are near duplicates. The difference between the resolutions is the inclusion of general identity only (CEOD's resolution which CSA has the option to mimic) as opposed to a resolution with both gender identity and gender expression (would be additional resolution being advanced by CSA).

Gender Identity—the way in which one conceives of self, regardless of gender at birth. Confirming how you identify with yourself.

Gender Expression—the way in which one presents their gender identity to the world (outward expression—clothes, air, etc.)

Mr. Greg Purdy updated CSA on CEOD's discussion, vote, and outcome—noting a deliberate pragmatic approach to including only gender identity in line with the governor's executive order. He then yielded the floor to Mr. Chad Mandala. Mr. Mandala explained his rationale for including both gender identity and gender expression, ultimately acknowledging that doing so equalizes, affirms, and supports all in and amongst the Hokie community. Coming from a more philosophical place, Mr. Mandala explained that these are "lived experiences" and that incorporating both gender identity and gender expression would allow individuals to be present and active in/as their most authentic self. The floor was returned to the commission for discussion.

Mr. Brent Ashley moved and Ms. Erica Wood seconded a motion to end discussion.

Mr. Adil Dittmer and Ms. De'Ashley Spain motioned to suspend the rules and conduct only one reading, which requires a 75% vote. 20 were in favor, none opposed, and 2 abstained (Perillo and Abdallah). Dr. Perillo wanted to remind CSA about and/or clarify her abstention vote. She indicated that while, as an ex-officio, she has the right to vote she will abstain from voting. Motion passed.

Mr. Dittmer moved to proceed with first reading of resolution to include BOTH gender identity and gender expression. Mr. Matt Chan seconded.

Mr. Purdy moved to amend CEOD's resolution to represent CSA in name and resolution number. Mr. Ashley seconded the motion to amend. A vote to amend the resolution was conducted. 20 were in favor, none opposed, and 2 abstained (Perillo and Abdallah). Majority vote carried the motion.

Mr. Purdy conducted the first reading. Mr. Ashley moved to vote, Mr. Chan seconded the motion. 20 were in favor, none opposed, and 2 abstained (Perillo and Abdallah). Resolution carries.

Mr. Ashley then moved and Mr. Purdy seconded a motion to reinstate the rules. 21 were in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstained (Perillo). Rules were reinstated.

As a point of strategy, CEOD's resolution will have its first reading at University Council on April 21. CSA will conduct their first reading at University Council on April 28. The hope is that CEOD will delay their second reading and vote from April 28 until May 5, allowing both resolutions to be presented and considered before vote.

- c. Governance Proposal – Brent Ashley, Erica Wood, Shaimaa Abdallah, Nick Warrington

A first reading of the governance proposal that would advance SGA legislation in which undergraduate and graduate representatives to the Board of Visitors would be officially recognized as members of the SGA and GSA, respectively. It was noted that this resolution simply formalizes what is already happening informally. After discussion, a motion to end discussion was made by Mr. Brent Ashley and was seconded by Mr. Lester Schonberger.

An informal review of SGA legislation pertaining to SGA's governance structure was made, but a first reading was tabled until the April 24 meeting.

VII. Announcements

LGBTQ spring drag show is tonight in the GLC Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The BOV Student Advisory Committee Town Hall Forum will occur on Monday for academic affairs and student participation is encouraged.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further announcements or business, Ms. Kylie Gilbert, chair, entertained a motion to adjourn; Mr. Greg Purdy motioned and Mr. Lester Schonberger seconded. No objections. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.