

Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, April 19th, 2012

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mountain Room – Squires Student Center

Present: Shaimaa Abdallah, Chris Atkins, Matt Banfield, Sandy Bass, Tom Brown, Tyler Campbell, Naomi Dam, Corbin DiMeglio, Rick Ferraro, Monika Gibson, Michael Goodwin, Monica Hunter, Rawlin Jefferson, Chris McDonough, Kelley McKew, Michelle McLeese, Arushi for Shree Narayanan, Nikki Roy, Caroline Sapyta, Robert Sebek, Guy Sims, Ed Spencer, Emily Wilkinson

Guests: Rebecca Coryell, Zach Crizer, Kylie Gilbert, Tim Hodge, Robyn Jones, Nick Onopa, Dwight Shelton, Erica Wohlleben

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bass called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

II. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for the April 19, 2012 meeting. Motion was seconded and the agenda was adopted.

III. Welcome from Chair

Mr. Bass noted that with this being the last meeting of the year, he expressed his thanks to the membership for their service.

IV. Icebreaker – Show and Tell, Vice-Chair Rawlin Jefferson

- a. Dr. Ed Spencer – *Vice-President for Student Affairs*
Dr. Spencer gifted each member with a book written by Peter Block, “Community: The Structure of Belonging”.
- b. Rawlin Jefferson – *Black Student Alliance*
Mr. Jefferson shared a promo for an event that BSA is co-sponsoring with Athletics – A Spring Festival and Carnival that will be held on the practice field prior to the spring game.

V. Guest Speaker(s)/Presenter(s)

- a. Sustainable and Competitive Alta Gracia Clothing Update – Oxfam members, Ms. Erica Wohlleben and Ms. Rebecca Coryell reported back to the Commission on their meeting with Don Williams, Executive Director of the University Bookstore, regarding the Alta Gracia Apparel manufacturer. It was a positive meeting and Mr. Williams made a verbal commitment that he would look into Alta Gracia this summer and do all that he can to get their clothing on the University Bookstore's shelves by this December.
- b. Tuition and Fees Proposal – *Dwight Shelton and Tim Hodge*
Mr. Dwight Shelton, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, introduced himself and Mr. Tim Hodge, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning. They spoke to the group about the proposed tuition and fee package that would be presented to the Board of Visitors on Friday, April 20. Mr. Shelton gave a brief history on the annual meeting that they have with the Commission to make sure the members can understand why decisions are made so that they can take that information back to their constituents. He did request that the discussion stay within the group until the tuition and fees are acted on by the Board.
Mr. Hodge distributed a handout on the tuition and fee recommendations, explaining the process for setting the fees. He reported that there would be a tuition and fee increase in order to maintain the quality of the institution, but also noted that they are proposing to reduce summer school 2013 tuition rates for on-campus students.
- c. Utilization of Student Facilities –*Dr. Guy Sims*
Dr. Guy Sims, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, gave a brief presentation on the use of student facilities noting that students should work with the Event Planning Office so that they can assist in shaping programs and helping students understand the procedures, policies, funding, and facilities usage rules. He will do a more in depth presentation next Fall.

VI. Old Business

- a. *The Collegiate Times* Survey/Update – Michelle McLeese
Ms. McLeese reported on the *Collegiate Times* survey results, first identifying the committee members who worked on the survey development with her: Emily Wilkinson, Rawlin Jefferson, Tyler Campbell, Shree Narayanan, and Katelin Shugart-Schmidt. There were 677 students who responded to the survey, which was a random sample of undergraduate and

graduate students. In response to a question by Zack Crizer, Editor of the *Collegiate Times*, in regard to the issues that had been raised by CSA and whether or not those had been resolved, Ms. McLeese noted that the reason for the survey was for information purposes to see what the general consensus of the student body is. She noted that the e-mail note that Mr. Crizer had sent noting changes that have been made to their on-line comment policy addressed the concerns of CSA and Mr. Bass's letter to the CT was a letter of commendation and appreciation for the CT's position on the commenting policy.

Dr. Spencer asked that the letter from Mr. Bass be published in the CT so that it can be recognized publicly that CSA congratulates the CT on the steps they have taken in regard to the on-line commenting process.

b. Elections for 2012-2013 Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Bass introduced the nominees for both Chair and Vice Chair for the 2012-13 academic year: Tyler Campbell, Robyn Jones, Nock Onopa, and Chris Atkins. All nominations were accepted except Ms. Jones, who declined.

Once the slate was approved, the nominees were given the opportunity to give a brief presentation on why they are interested in serving as Chair. Following the presentations, there was discussion and the vote was called, which resulted in Chris Atkins as Chair and Nick Onopa as Vice Chair.

VII. New Business

a. Representative for Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Nominations

Nominees were Caroline Capyta, Chris Atkins, and Chris Tam. By virtue of being elected Chair, Chris Atkins is the representative to attend CEOD. If Ms. Sapyta or Mr. Tam are interested, they can work that out with Mr. Atkins. as Chair of CSA, Chris Atkins Caroline Sapyta, Chris Atkins, Chris Tam.

b. Representative for Academic Support Committee

Tyler Campbell will serve as the CSA representative for the Academic Support Committee.

VIII. Announcements

- Dr. Spencer announced that the last "VP is In" session will be held at Deet's Place on Wednesday, April 25, at 3:30 p.m.

- Dr. Sims announced that Virginia Tech won the Victoria's Secret Nation Tour, which will bring a major concert to campus next year. A committee will be convened to work on this project.

IX. Adjournment

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.