

MINUTES

Commission on Student Affairs Meeting

September 3, 2015

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Attendees

Susan Anderson, Luke Carroll, Matthew Chan, Alicia Cohen, Margaret Appleby, Pat Finn

Jared Coplon, Jackie Fisher, Aliana Harrison, Byron Hughes, Panisa Jiumdumneankij, Nicole Nguyen, Nathalia Ossio Reque, Patty Perillo, Tara Reel, Mohammed Seyam, Jake Tully, Joycelynn Acheampong, Lauren Surface, Cody Lopez (for Morgan Sykes), Greg Purdy, James McClellan

Guests

Sana Aloehiali, Tom Brown, Hunter Gresham, Regine Parks, Angela Simmons, Gina Tamburro, Janet Webster

Call to Order

At 3:32 p.m., Chair Jackie Fisher called the first meeting of academic year 2015-2016 to order.

Introductions were offered by all members of the group.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda; the Agenda was approved.

Keystone Experience

Dr. Perillo welcomed the commission. While the role of CSA will be discussed later in the agenda, Dr. Perillo offered two items for consideration given the role of CSA on impacting the Virginia Tech student experience. The Keystone Experience, a curriculum offered by the Division of Student Affairs that operationalizes the Aspirations for Student Learning, hopes to create pathways for students to get involved and engaged, to define their collegiate experience. Dr. Perillo asked for students to review the Keystone Experience website and encouraged them to offer feedback. As well, she challenged the commission to think about possible inspirations, or self-motivated incentives.

Dining

Dr. Perillo continued by discussing the concerns of students related to long waits in the Dining Centers. She shared all of the measures that have been taken by Dining Services in hopes of lessening the impact and wait times. She then challenged the group to think about ways we might mitigate the situation further. Ideas included:

- Incentivize off peak times (lower costs, etc.)
- Increase grab-and-go “healthy options” that dining plans can be used for
- Later open hours on Sunday at D2 (beyond 6:30 p.m., even if only an extra hour)

Dr. Perillo requests that CSA members not only consider ways to improve the situation, but to also use their leadership positions to “spread the dining love.”

CSA’s Place in the University Governance Structure

Matt Chan, vice chair of CSA, provided an overview of the university’s governance structure. A PowerPoint with websites and full detail was reviewed.

Student Budget Board Revisions

Gina Tamburro, Associate Director in Student Engagement and Campus Life, and Regine Parks, chair of the Student Budget Board, brought forth proposed revisions to the Student Budget Board policies, specifically to allow a non-USCO member to serve as chair of the Student Budget Board IF they were elected by the prior year’s SBB AND have prior budget board experience. Given time constraints and the need to conduct budget board business sooner, a motion was made to suspend the rules and go to vote today,

rather than conducting a second reading. A motion to suspend the rule requiring two readings was made, seconded, and approved. A vote to suspend the rules was taken and passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve the Student Budget Board revisions as proposed. It was seconded, discussed, and a vote was taken and the motion approved unanimously. A motion was then made to reinstate rules, seconded, and passed.

Election of CSA Secretary

The role and specific duties of the secretary for the Commission on Student Affairs was presented. Greg Purdy nominated Jake Tully, who accepted the nomination. Nominations can be made electronically from now until the next meeting.

CSA Representatives to other Committees/Commissions

One student rep is needed for the Academic Support Committee. The ASC meets one time per month based on student availability. Margaret Appleby volunteered.

One student rep is needed for the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity. The CEOD meets monthly on a Monday from 10:30-Noon. No volunteers came forward. Chair Fisher agreed to distribute the opportunity electronically.

Announcements

Undergraduate students are being sought for participation on a focus group conducted by Gallup, with a specific focus on the university's brand profile. Jared Coplon, Cody Lopez (representative for Morgan Sykes), Luke Carrol, and Nicole Nguyen all volunteered in meeting to join Morgan Sykes and Jackie Fisher.

Susan Anderson asked for an update related to the requirement of insurance for off-campus speakers hosted by student organizations.

Matt Chan promoted the Graduate and Professional School Day from 4:30-7 p.m. on Monday, September 21 in the Commonwealth Ballroom of Squires Student Center.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.