

## **Commission on Student Affairs**

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mountain Room – Squires Student Center

**Present:** Shaimaa Abdallah, Chris Atkins, Tyler Campbell, Claire Childress, Dustin Dorph, Jessica Estariz, Kylie Gilbert, Michael Goodwin, Jacob Grohs, Erlan Guzman, Lauren Heming, Megan O’Neill for Mary Ann Lewis, Kristen McCall, Mason Hester for Margaret McQuain, Nick Onopa, Patty Perillo, Carolyn Sapyta, Robert Sebek, Ryan Smith, Jay Tucker

**Absent:** Cathy Betzel with notice, Monika Gibson, Robyn Jones, Hamdy Mahmoud, Elaine Mathis, Kareim Oliphant, Ryan Smith

**Guests:** Priscilla Alvarez, Jaime Joslin, Vanessa Ruccolo, Lester Schonberger, Guy Sims, Jackie Thomas, Paige Waltz

### **I. Call to Order**

Mr. Chris Atkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

### **II. Guest Speakers - None**

### **III. Icebreaker - Show and Tell**

- a. Jay Tucker- *Junior Class President*
- b. Jessica Estariz- *Asian American Student Union*
- c. Claire Childress- *Career Services Auxiliary*
- d. Tyler Campbell- *Senior Class President*

### **IV. Committee Reports - None**

### **V. Old Business**

- a. Student Forums

Dr. Perillo reported that there were around 14 students in attendance at the October 23 forum. Some concerns raised by the students were in the area of Parking Services, specifically residential parking & parking fees. Other concerns included graduate student stipends, support for student start-up companies and where service vehicles are parked. Dr. Perillo encouraged the membership to attend the next forum on November 29, 7:00 p.m., in 304 Johnston Student Center and asked them to be mindful not schedule other events during this time.

- b. BOV Breakfast

Dr. Perillo reminded the group about the invitation to have breakfast with the BOV Student Affairs and Athletics Committee on Monday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., at Origami, in Turner Place. There are still five

spots left and she encouraged others to attend or let their constituents know about this opportunity. The deadline to RSVP was October 19, so please reply to Ms. Rogers ASAP if you are interested in attending.

c. CSA Survey for Student/Constituent Opinions

Dr. Perillo announced that the survey link is out and the deadline for completing is November 9, 2012. A suggestion was made to send it out again, a couple of days before the November 9 deadline. Hopefully the data will be available at the November 15 meeting.

d. Consultant Visit

Dr. Perillo announced that Dr. David Hoffman will be coming to campus on November 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Inn at Virginia Tech, to work with members of SGA, GSA & CSA to consult about the identities of these leadership groups and their roles in the governance process. Please RSVP to Rhonda Rogers at [rogersr@vt.edu](mailto:rogersr@vt.edu) if you plan to attend, by Monday, October 29.

## VI. New Business

a. Dining Services Issues - Mr. Faulkner had another commitment, so was unable to attend but did ask for ideas on the issues raised at the last meeting.

i. Dining Services (Receipts Given Out) - how to decrease the number of receipts issued. The following suggestions were made:

- With the balance shown on the digital screen, the cashier could ask if a receipt is needed
- An electronic “opt out” system to keep from getting a receipt
- Send an e-mail reminder on balance
- Have a “yes” or “no” option for a receipt on the touch screen
- Dining employees should be trained to ask in all facilities whether or not a receipt is needed since there are different practices at different sites
- It was noted that Mr. Faulkner does meet with a Student Advisory Committee twice a month so he continues to find ways to meet with students and hear their voices and perspectives

ii. Dining Services Food Disposal Suggestions - Mr. Atkins noted that Mr. Faulkner has worked with the Environmental Coalition.

Recommendations for food disposal included:

- Take left over hot items to a rescue mission, soup kitchen, etc.
- Identify foods that are safe to save after hours

- Educate students about what goes into the compost bins and where they go
  - Allow seconds, so that students don't take more than they need the first time
  - Having a time that people can come and take food with their own container
- iii. Non-traditional Dining (Dietary Needs) - Mr. Atkins reported that the Dietician for Dining Services is aware of non-traditional dining and is willing to come speak with the membership.
- b. SGA Legislation- Dustin Dorph
- Mr. Dorph presented the first reading for two resolutions that legislation passed through the SGA governance system last year:
- Resolution to Increase Use of Evergreen Plants in University Landscaping – there will be more discussion during the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the November 15 meeting.
  - Resolution for Request of Electrical Outlet Expansion – there will be more discussion during the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the November 15 meeting.
- c. New/ Listed Agenda Items for Next Meeting - Commission Members
- Transportation (increasing parking spots, where they are, designation/hours, etc.), service vehicle parking, closing of spots at Squires/open other spaces, lack of residential parking as buildings are being built which has resulted in decreased parking in the cage, traffic safety
  - Address the limited number of bike racks, racks that are not sheltered, and challenges to get the “bus/bike/walk”
  - Presentation from Mr. Faulkner, Director of Dining Services
  - Presentation from the Environmental Coalition
  - Presentation on 30-year plan for future buildings
  - Reminder: The next CSA meeting will be November 15, 2012

## **VII. Announcements**

- Due to “Hokie Day” at the General Assembly in Richmond on January 31, Nick Onopa made a motion to reschedule the CSA meeting scheduled on that day to February 7, motion was seconded by Jay Tucker and the motion carried. Please make note of this change on your calendars.
- Ms. Sapyta announced that this is LGBT History Month and on Friday, October 26, they are having a dance party at Gillies, 10:30 a.m. – until.

- Dr. Sims announced that November is American Indian Heritage Month. A forum that will be held on November 1, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. There will be pizza and drinks provided. Ms. Rogers will send out the link to RSVP for those who are interested in attending.
- Dr. Perillo will resend the invitation to the November 3 gathering with the consultant so that those interested in attending can RSVP by November 29.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

With there being no other business to discuss, Mr. Atkins asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Michael Goodwin and seconded by Nick Onopa. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m