

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Commission on Student Affairs

FROM: Linda H. Owens *Linda H. Owens*
Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, December 7, 1978

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES:

1. See Item 3. Establishing a ban on extra-class activities during final examinations and the 48 hours immediately preceding the final examination period.
2. See Item 9. Authorization for the Student Health Service staff to provide initial contraceptive care to students.

The Commission on Student Affairs met on Thursday, December 7, 1978 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 344 of Squires Student Center. The following members were absent: Dr. George Hugheston represented by Dr. Jessica Cohen; Dean J. R. Nichols represented by Dr. Overton Johnson; Dr. Lawrence Adler. The following items were considered:

1. The minutes of the meeting of November 16, 1978 were approved as distributed.
2. The agenda was approved with the following addition:
 - a. Mr. Chip Fortier, representing the Student Government Association, will present the proposed policy statement on contraceptives.
3. Dr. James W. Dean, Chairman of the Commission, presented a suggestion contained in the University Self-Study and recommended that it be adopted by the Commission as policy. The suggestion contained in the University Self-Study reads as follows: "That the Commission on Student Affairs and the Calendar Committee closely coordinate their activities to eliminate extra-curricular activities during final examination week, and that the Commission on Student Affairs consider establishing a ban on extra-class activities during final examinations and the 48 hours immediately preceding the final examination period." (Page 214 and 389.) Materials concerning this item were enclosed with the agenda. Gen. Earl Acuff moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 16 for, 1 against, and 0 abstentions.

4. Mr. Daniel King, representing the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a music concert by Larry Norman on Saturday, January 27, 1979 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in Burruss Hall Auditorium. The program is open to the public with an admission charge of \$3.00 per person. The facilities have been reserved and no alcoholic beverages will be served. The program will be advertised under the collective name of Campus Christian Fellowships and will be advertised through posters, tent cards, local radio and the Collegiate Times. The sponsoring organization will sell copies of Larry Norman's albums at the end of the concert. The contract price for this concert is \$1,995.00 plus transportation, lodging, and meals.

It was noted that on April 21, 1977 the Commission on Student Affairs renewed a policy permitting the Virginia Tech Union exclusive rights to sponsor popular concerts on the Virginia Tech campus through 1982, at which time a policy renewal will be considered. Popular concerts have been operationally defined as any major concert artist or act exceeding \$2,000.00 in contract price appearing on the Virginia Tech campus where an admission fee is charged. Local dance bands do not fall into this definition.

The Commission noted the financial risk for organizations sponsoring concerts. Mr. King stated that the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship would absorb any loss from this program and that in the event that the program was unsuccessful that it would not approach the Student Budget Board for funds. The sponsoring organization has budgeted \$3,000.00 for this event. The anticipated attendance is between 1,000 and 3,000. Mr. Mike Saxton, representing the Virginia Tech Union, offered the Union's assistance to the sponsoring organizations. Mr. Chip Fortier moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 13 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.

5. Ms. Kathy Rowe, representing the Student Constitutional Affairs Board, requested approval of the revisions to the Interfraternity Council constitution that was excepted from the approval of the minutes of the April 20, 1978 meeting. The constitution revisions were excepted from approval due to insufficient copies for consideration. Ms. Kathy Rowe moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Bill Edmondson, representing the Student Budget Board, requested consideration of the Student Budget Board's recommendation to allocate \$70.00 from the Small Grants Program for a program featuring Mr. Lynn Greenwalt, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on January 30, 1979. Materials concerning this request were enclosed with the agenda. Mr. Bill Edmondson moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Bill Edmondson, representing the Student Budget Board, requested consideration of the Student Budget Board's recommendation to grant the Astronomy Club \$500.00 from the Contingency Fund to send two Virginia Tech students to Winnipeg, Canada for photographic research on solar eclipse.

Materials concerning this request were enclosed with the agenda. \$250.00 has been pledged by the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering for this project. This money was donated from private funds. Dr. Dean questioned if the students would receive any personal financial gain from this project. The student representative, Mr. Mark Croom, said that he did not think that they would. Dr. Dean stated that if the students did receive a financial gain that the Student Budget Board may request repayment of the grant. Mr. Bill Edmondson moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8. Mr. Bob LoNigro, representing the Residence Hall Federation, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a Gong Show on either Saturday, February 3, 1979 or Sunday, February 4, 1979 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in Burruss Hall Auditorium. The program is open to the public with an admission charge which has as yet not been determined. The admission charge will probably be either \$.50 or \$1.00 per person. The Residence Hall Federation will follow the format of the Gong Show. Mr. Chuck Barris may serve as MC for this program. University administrators and faculty will serve as judges. All acts will be carefully screened. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the best three acts. The estimated amounts of the prizes are as follows:

First Prize:	\$125.00
Second Prize:	\$ 75.00
Third Prize:	\$ 50.00

The facilities for the show have been reserved and no alcoholic beverages will be served. The program will be advertised through flyers, posters, tent cards, buttons, WUVT radio and the Collegiate Times. Mr. Chip Fortier moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

9. Mr. Chip Fortier, representing the Student Government Association, presented a proposed policy statement on contraceptives. Mr. Fortier moved to approve the following policy statement: "That the Student Health Service staff be authorized to provide initial contraceptive care to students requesting this service if there are no medical contraindications". The motion was seconded. The Student Government Association did distribute a report on contraceptive policy at Virginia Tech to the Commission members prior to the meeting. Dr. Dean noted that the University policy on contraceptives was a policy which the University Board of Visitors had adopted and that the Board would be the one to change this policy. Mr. Fortier stated that this proposed policy change would be brought to the Board of Visitors in February. Mr. Fortier gave a brief history of the contraceptive policy at Virginia Tech stating that in 1973 a faculty senate resolution to change the existing policy was defeated by the Board of Visitors. At that time, the Board of Visitors reaffirmed the existing policy. Since there has been no official action by the Board of Visitors on

this policy since 1973, the Student Government Association feels that the Board of Visitors needs to act on this policy. Mr. Fortier stated that last year the Board discussed the possibility of changing the policy; however, no formal vote was taken by the Board. Following discussion on contraceptives, the motion was passed by a vote of 11 for, 3 against, and 2 abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Secretary announced that Ms. Karen Hemminger, representing the Food Science Club, notified her office of a change in the admission fee for the Barbecue Chicken Dinner sponsored by the Food Science Club at the Wesley Foundation. The original admission fee of \$2.75 for adults and \$1.75 for children has been changed to \$2.95 for adults and \$1.95 for children. This program was approved on October 13, 1978 by Ms. Kathy Rowe in lieu of consideration by the Commission.
2. Copies of the minutes of the Residence Hall Federation Executive Board meetings of October 25, 1978 and November 1, 1978 were enclosed with the agenda.
3. Acknowledgement of the items approved by Ms. Kathy Rowe, Counselor for Student Programs and Services, in lieu of Commission consideration during the period of October 30, 1978 - November 27, 1978.
4. Copies of the December Listing of Events approved by the Commission were enclosed with the agenda.
5. Copies of a memorandum dated December 7, 1978 from Dr. James W. Dean, Chairman of the Commission, to members of the Commission on Student Affairs, Subject: Membership, Special Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission on Student Affairs for "Student Legal Services" were distributed at the meeting.
6. Copies of the minutes of the Publications Board meeting of November 29, 1978 are enclosed with the minutes.
7. The next meeting of the Commission on Student Affairs will be Thursday, January 4, 1979 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 344 of Squires Student Center.

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

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