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Minutes  
 Commission on Student Affairs  
 February 5, 1987

Present were: Dr. Landrum L. Cross (substitute Chair for Dr. Sandra M. Sullivan), Dr. D. David Ostroth (representing Dr. Landrum L. Cross), Dr. Richard Bambach, Mr. Tracey P. Beck, Mr. James P. O'Brien, Mr. Edward R. Green, Mr. Gregory G. Greer, Ms. Karen Guenther, Dr. John Hillison, Dr. William Knocke, General Howard M. Lane, Ms. Gisella Macchiavello, Mr. Daniel F. Mahony, Ms. Suzie N. Nussel, Ms. Erin O'Rourke, Ms. Patricia A. Pollard, Ms. Kim Silverthorne (representing Mr. Kimble J. Reynolds), Ms. Elizabeth M. Smith, Mr. Steven Smith

Absent: Dr. Michael A. Ogliaruso

1. Announcements

1. Dr. Cross distributed the application materials for the five candidates for the student member to the Board of Visitors and the selection guidelines. The candidates will make their presentation to the Commission at the Thursday, February 19, 1987 meeting. The candidates and their sponsoring organizations are listed below:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Sponsoring Organization</u>
✓ Carol S. Irvine	Panhellenic Council
Molly A. O'Neill	Residence Hall Federation
Jeffrey G. Reeves	Student Government Association
✓ Kimble Reynolds	Class of 1988
✓ Michael A. Wormley	Corps of Cadets

2. Dr. Cross distributed a memo regarding the student leader meeting with Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors and a revised schedule of the winter quarter student leader meetings.

2. Adoption of Agenda

1. A motion was introduced and approved to adopt the agenda.

3. Approval of the Commission Minutes of January 8, 1987.

1. The Minutes of the January 8, 1987 Commission Meeting were approved as written.

#### 4. Unfinished Business

*exempted by Sandy*

The Chair reminded the Commission that a motion is currently on the floor concerning the Student Constitutional Affairs Board (1-8-87 Resolution 1). Ms. Sgro introduced Ms. Kay Heidbreder, Assistant General Counsel. Ms. Sgro asked Ms. Heidbreder to discuss two issues that had been addressed at the previous Commission meeting: liability insurance for faculty advisors and the final authority of the Commission concerning student organizations.

Ms. Heidbreder reported that the Commonwealth has developed a self insured plan which covers all state agencies whereby employees and agents of the university are covered. The position of the Commonwealth has been that faculty advisors are not covered by university liability insurance unless it is specified in their job description that they serve as an advisor to a particular group. The second issue Ms. Heidbreder addressed was whether the Commission has final authority over student organizations. Ms. Heidbreder stated that in her opinion administrators carry out policy concerning student organizations and the Commission forwards recommendations through the university governance system.

Mr. Beck introduced amendments to the resolution concerning the Student Constitutional Affairs Board (1-8-87 Resolution 7).

Mr. Beck expressed appreciation to Mr. Greer for his assistance in preparing the proposed amendments. Mr. Beck stated that the purpose of the proposed amendments is to maintain the power of review concerning registration of student organizations with the Commission.

Ms. Sgro requested and Mr. Beck accepted the distribution of an alternate amendment to CSA 1-8-87. Ms. Sgro expressed appreciation on behalf of the Student Constitutional Affairs Board to students involved in developing the resolution concerning the Student Constitutional Affairs Board.

Ms. O'Rourke introduced a motion which was approved to adopt the resolution with the proposed amendments concerning the Student Constitutional Affairs Board (1-8-87 Resolution 1).

#### 5. New Business

1. A motion was introduced and approved to file the Minutes of the Student Media Board of December 10, 1986.
2. Ms. Pollard introduced Mr. William Waskey, Interfraternity Council Housing Chairperson and Ms. Katherine Shulton, Panhellenic Council Housing Chairperson to present the resolution concerning Greek Housing (1-22-87 Resolution 1). Ms. Shulton reported that the Greek Housing Resolution has been endorsed by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Student Government Association. Ms. Shulton reported that during a meeting earlier in the day Ms. Jane Bulbin, University Legal Counsel, explained to PhC/IFC

representatives that a land leasing arrangement with the University was legal and recommended that the wording in "Item A, Further Resolved" be changed from: "A) A modified special purpose housing option whereby the university would build the house and the organization would lease with an option to buy;" to "A) A modified special purpose housing option whereby the university would build the house and the organization would lease with an opportunity to gain interest in the structure."

Ms. Nussel expressed concern on behalf of the Residence Hall Federation regarding "Section B" under "Further Resolved" which states: "B) A residence hall/lounge option whereby members of an organization could reside on a hall within the residence hall system." It is the opinion of the RHF that the implication of this statement has a negative impact on students choosing to remain in the residence halls.

Dr. Knocke stated that if the intent of the Commission is to endorse the resolution he would recommend changing the wording in the first sentence of "Further Resolved" from: "That the Interfraternity Council/the Panhellenic Council support(s) 2 other housing options that would serve as transitional steps from the organizations current lack of housing to the point where the organizations could support a venture to purchase or build a house;" to "That the Interfraternity Council/the Panhellenic Council endorse the pursuit of 2 other housing options that would serve as transitional steps from the organizations current lack of housing to the point where the organizations could support a venture to purchase or build a house." The suggested wording change clarifies that the Commission is endorsing the pursuit of Greek Housing and not the pursuit of the two specific housing options. Ms. Pollard accepted Dr. Knocke's recommendation as a friendly amendment.

Ms. Pollard introduced a motion to endorse the Resolution concerning Greek Housing (1-22-87 Resolution 1). The motion passed 10-5-1.

## 6. Announcements

1. Ms. Nussel announced that RHF Spirit Quarter is scheduled February 7, 1987 - March 8, 1987.
2. Mr. Beck announced that the BT will be running Sunday bus hours on a trial basis.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Curtis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Julie Curtis  
Secretary

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cc: Dr. William E. Lavery  
Dr. Robert E. Heterick  
Mr. Charles M. Forbes  
Mr. Minnis E. Ridenour  
Dr. David P. Roselle  
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Mr. William W. Campion  
Dr. Charlotte Davis  
Ms. Beverly Sgro  
News Director, WUVT  
Editor, Collegiate Times  
Ms. Susan Trulove

GREEK HOUSING RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS: Greeks are nearing 15% of the Virginia Tech student population and these groups consistently contribute a disproportionate share of workers, members, and leaders to every campus organization from academic honoraries to special interest clubs, and from student government to the Student Alumni Association.
- AND WHEREAS: The growing numbers of Greek alumni continue to financially support not only their organizations but the university as well.
- AND WHEREAS: The University has fully recognized the contributions of Greeks to the university and the Blacksburg community.
- AND WHEREAS: The University has realized that a housing crisis currently exists and has tried an on campus housing option.
- AND WHEREAS: Of the 32 fraternities, only 23 have houses, and of the 14 sororities only 4 have houses (1 of which will be lost within the next 2 years) and many of these houses are inadequate for their needs and do not provide housing for even 1/3 of their members.
- AND WHEREAS: Under the current zoning laws and with the current political climate it is virtually impossible for any groups to expand or acquire housing within the town limits.
- AND WHEREAS: Two organizations have already submitted proposals in an effort to lease land from the university in order to build a house in which their organizations may reside.
- AND WHEREAS: It is the ultimate goal of the majority of Greek organizations to own houses which could provide housing for a majority of their memberships. Therefore let it be

RESOLVED: That THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL/THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL endorse the pursuit by Greeks and the University of a common leasing arrangement whereby a standard lease, accepted by the university and the Greek organizations, would enable any Greek group to lease land from the University for the purpose of building houses that would serve not only as living quarters but as areas for meetings, social gatherings and the like.

AND WHEREAS: A land leasing arrangement is not a viable solution for every organization at this time due to issues involving the chapter size, finances, alumni support, and other such symptoms of youthful chapters. Let it be

FURTHER  
RESOLVED: That THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL/THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL ~~support(s)~~ endorse the pursuit of 2 other housing options that would serve as transitional steps from the organizations current lack of housing to the point where the organizations could support a venture to purchase or build a house and these 2 options are:

- A) A modified special purpose housing option whereby the university would build the house and the organization would lease with ~~an option to buy and~~ an opportunity to gain interest in the structure.
- B) A residence hall/lounge option whereby members of an organization could reside on a hall within the Residence hall system.

and these two options would help accomplish the important task of unifying and strengthening the organization, which would in turn allow for its growth, and the growth of the Greek system as a whole.

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