

**Minutes**  
**Commission on Student Affairs**  
**September 5, 1991**  
**Bowman Room - Cassell Coliseum**

**Present:** Dr. Thomas Goodale, Ms. Melissa Byrne, Ms. Mary Cacheris, Mr. Tray Isley, Ms. Joanne Waters, Mr. George Asimopoulos, Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Ms. Eleanor Haughey, Mr. Lee Carroll, Ms. Jessica Williams, Col. Lee Rice, Mr. Kevin Mottley, Mr. Patrick Larkin, Ms. Beth Rexroad, Mr. Andrew Wolff, Dr. Beverly Sgro, Ms. Sharon Yeagle, Dr. Rita Purdy, Dr. Harlan Miller, and Dr. Paul Sorrentino.

**Absent:** Dr. Peter Feret.

**Guests:** Ms. Alicia Cohen, Mr. Timothy Reed, Ms. Heather McElrath, Mr. Bill Campion, Ms. Ginger Hiemenz, and Dr. Dave Ostroth.

Dr. Goodale called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Guests and new members were asked to introduce themselves.

**Announcements**

Schedules were collected from members of the Commission to facilitate planning of special call and subcommittee meetings.

New Entertainment Policy was distributed and the key provisions of the policy were highlighted by Dr. David Ostroth.

Dr. Goodale announced that Dr. Robert Heterick will retire on October 1 after 31 years of service to the university. It was noted that Dr. Heterick is one of the persons who advanced technology service for students.

An update of Squires and residential and dining capital projects was provided.

Hate Crime Forum (September 19) President's Symposium on Drug Law and Society (September 27-28), and Squires dedication (November 1-2) were announced.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Larkin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Byrne, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Sgro made a motion for approval of the minutes of April 18, 1991 as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Waters, passed.

**Reports of Subcommittees**

1. Mr. Carroll, after noting that the \$6,120.28 balance for small grants in the May 1 and May 20-24 minutes did not include the \$1475.00

awarded to the Cycling Club, made a motion for filing of the April 17, May 1, and May 20-24, 1991 minutes. This motion, seconded by Dr. Miller, passed.

2. Governance. Mr. Mottley reported that the governance subcommittee will meet on September 11 and will address issues in the top priority.

3. Student Life. Ms. Mary Cacheris requested the members of her subcommittee to remain a few minutes after the meeting to select a meeting date and time.

4. Facilities. Mr. John Aughenbaugh indicated that he would use the time after the meeting to select his first meeting date. Copies of the security policy were provided to Mr. Aughenbaugh.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### 1. GSA Constitution, Second Reading

Mr. Aughenbaugh requested that this item be deferred to the September 19 meeting, at which time he would provide the Commission with a new constitution and a cover letter explaining the changes.

#### 2. Student Organization Classification Proposal

Mr. Reed used a chart depicting a chronology of the classification of student organizations on Virginia Tech's campus as a prelude to the proposal for the re-classification, administration, and funding of student organizations at Virginia Tech. The chart covered the period 1972-90. The proposal recommends three categories of student organizations: University Student Life Program (USLP), University Chartered Organization (UCSO), and Registered Student Organization (RSO).

USLP's are organizations comprised primarily or exclusively of students but which are directly tied to an administrative or academic department and whose actions are governed by faculty in those departments. Some examples are the Honor System, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, and Veterinary Medicine Honor System.

UCSO's are organizations comprised primarily or exclusively of students but which have specially established direct relationships with University. Some examples are Class System, Student Government Association, Black Organizations Council, and Panhellenic Council.

RSO's are voluntary associations of Virginia Tech students which have indicated to the Office of Student Organizations that they wish to be formally organized and listed at Virginia Tech. All organizations which register in any given year which do not appear on the list of UCSO's or USLP's are members of the RSO's.

After a description of the proposal and an indication of the action requested by CSA, time was provided for questions and comments. Comments suggested that while there were some technical problems that

needed addressing, this is a positive move. Specific concerns related to funding.

Mr. Reed indicated that funding models would be dealt with through a subcommittee. His present request was for endorsement of the concept.

Ms. Byrne motioned that the document be endorsed by CSA. This motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Goodale appointed the following subcommittee to look at the funding portion of the proposal: John Aughenbaugh (GSA), Ginger Hiemenz (BOV), Kevin Mottley (SGA), Lee Carroll (SBB), Jessica Williams (BOC), Patrick Larkin (RHF), and Rita Purdy (faculty).

This subcommittee, chaired by Mr. Mottley, was asked to report at the October 4 meeting.

### **New Business**

#### Noise Abatement

Dr. Goodale reported that concerns have been expressed by Faculty Senate about external noise which interferes with class instruction.

Dr. Goodale requested the Student Life and Facilities subcommittees to look at this issue in terms of policy development.

Dr. Sgro noted that there is a policy already in place regarding this matter. Policy handbooks will be mailed to Commission members. to Commission members.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Alicia Cohen announced that registration forms for student organizations were available in Room 328 Squires.

A motion was made by Mr. Larkin and seconded by Mr. Wolff to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.