

Minutes
Commission on Student Affairs
December 5, 1991

Present: Dr. Thomas Goodale, Ms. Melissa Byrne, Ms. Mary Cacheris, Mr. Steven Hensley (for 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. Peter Feret, Dr. Beverly Sgro, Dr. Harlan Miller, and Dr. Paul Sorrentino.

Absent: Mr. Tray Isley, Ms. Sharon Yeagle, and Dr. Rita Purdy

Guests: Mr. Bill Champion, Ms. Ginger Hiemenz, Dr. Landrum Cross, Ms. Danielle Corso, Mr. J. R. McMillan, and Mr. C. T. Dahlman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dr. Goodale.

Announcements

- o Dr. Goodale was congratulated for being selected to receive the John Koldus Award for Distinguished Service to NASPA Region III. Dr. Goodale was selected for this award in recognition of the contributions he has made to the Student Affairs profession at the state, regional, and national level.
- o Dr. Goodale made some preliminary remarks reference the status of the budget and invited Ms. Byrne and Mr. Aughenbaugh to describe SGA and GSA initiatives in response to the call for additional reductions from the education budget. Ms. Byrne indicated that tables are at various locations on campus for collecting signature endorsement of letters to be distributed to the representative of the endorsers. The letter, a response to the budget, was drafted by SGA and GSA. Ms. Byrne added that a similar letter was sent to six major papers in the state, but not one has been printed as of this date.

Mr. Aughenbaugh and Mr. Mottley noted other proposed actions across the state, e.g., the planned student march on the state capitol and student rallies.

Ms. Byrne requested feedback from the student leaders on the effectiveness of the current strategy of SGA and GSA. Ms. Hiemenz noted that she has announced the concerns about the budget and planned strategies in her classes and has received a strong response from graduate students. Mr. Carroll indicated that he thought the project was going well and at his post in the College of Business, students have responded positively.

- o The procedures for selecting the student member of the Board of Visitors were disseminated for a point of information.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

November 7 minutes of the Commission on Student Affairs. Mr. Larkin noted that the last statement, item 2, Fair Representation Resolution, under New Business, does not correctly reflect the concerns he stated. He stated that his concern was that this item was brought to CSA without going through the appropriate governance structure of SGA.

November 21 minutes of the Commission on Student Affairs. Mr. Aughenbaugh pointed out that "USGO" in the last two lines of the minutes should be changed to "Ad Hoc Committee."

Mr. Larkin motioned to approve both sets of minutes with corrections noted. Seconded by Mr. Mottley, the minutes were approved.

Reports of Subcommittees

1. **Student Budget Board.** The minutes of the October 30, 1991 Student Budget Board meeting were filed as presented.
2. **Facilities.** Mr. Aughenbaugh asked Dr. Miller to present the report of the Bicycle Task Force. Dr. Miller reviewed the goals and recommendations of the task force from a report that was distributed to the Commission. Commission members were asked to carefully review the report and provide any feedback they have to Mr. Aughenbaugh.

Mr. Aughenbaugh noted that the minutes from the Facilities Discussion group received from Dr. Goodale will be a part of the agenda for his next subcommittee meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. **Proposed Classification and Funding Model for Student organization - Continuation of the Discussion and Reconstitution of the Subcommittee.** Dr. Goodale reconstituted the subcommittee to address student organization classification and funding. Dr. Rita Purdy and Mr. Kevin Mottley were asked to serve as co-chairs and Mr. Tim Reed was asked to serve in an ex-officio capacity for the subcommittee. Mr. John Aughenbaugh, Mr. Lee Carroll, Mr. Patrick Larkin, Mr. Bill Champion, Ms. Joanne Waters, and Ms. Jessica Williams were asked to serve on the subcommittee.

The subcommittee was given two charges:

1. Resolve discrepancies between proposed classification systems.
2. Develop a funding model consistent with the recommended classification system.

The subcommittee was asked for a report by the February 6 CSA meeting.

Announcements

- o Jim McKellar accepted a position at the University of South Carolina.
- o There will be an Ecumenical Service on January 19, 1992, 6:00 p.m., Burruss Auditorium.
- o On February 19, 1992 the second Hate Crime Forum will be held. Fifty high school students and 50 university students will be invited to participate. *SSC*
- o Ms. Byrne briefed the Commission on an editorial in the CT from a University of Louisville student who had a bad experience at one of our football games. The student reported being harassed with obscene language, cup throwing, and other inappropriate behaviors to the point that she vowed not to attend another football game at Tech. The observations of commission members corroborated the comments of the Louisville student and suggested that the problems were wide spread. Other problem behaviors noted by the group and ones that could have serious consequences are stadium diving and alcohol use.

Several suggestions were made to alleviate observed problematic behavior at football games. Increasing the visibility of police during half time and restricting the Hokie Bird from practicing stadium diving were viewed as two suggestions that might have immediate impact.

Dr. Goodale suggested that the recommendations by the Spirit Committee, a committee that studied and developed recommendations on appropriate fan behavior be revisited. He asked Mr. Mottley and Mr. Aughenbaugh to review this report during a joint meeting of their subcommittees. He also asked them to look at the alcohol problem at games.

- o The Preston Journal is coming out on December 9.

Dr. Goodale thanked commission members for a productive year. With a motion from Mr. Aughenbaugh, seconded by Mr. Wolff, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.