

MINUTES

COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

November 9, 2000

Executive Conference Room

Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Present: Ms. Susan Anderson, Ms. Kim Beisecker, Ms. Nicki Cantrell, Ms. Christina Coukos, Ms. Sue Ellen Crocker, Dr. Landrum Cross, Ms. Amy Elliott, Dr. JoAnn Emmel, Mr. David Fowler, Ms. Alexandria Graves, Mr. Jonathan Harmer, Ms. Errin Jeffes, Mr. Stephen Kantz, Ms. Marquea King, Ms. Nique Lannon, Ms. Ashley Marshall, Mr. Rudy Picardo, Mr. Sebastian Rosado, Dr. Martha Reifsnider, Ms. Lisa Halleck for Dr. Jennie Reilly, Ms. Vashonta Roach, Ms. Heidi Ryan, Ms. Stephanie Scheer, Dr. Edward Spencer, Mr. Patrick Wachendorf, Ms. Alyssa Williams

Absent: Ms. Sarah Airey, Ms. Kylie Felps, Dr. Janet Johnson, Dr. Kerry Redican, Ms. Emmeline Weber

Visitors: Dr. Patricia Hyer, Ms. April Mayes

I. Call to Order

A. Comments from the Chair

Ms. King welcomed the commission to the meeting and announced that the minutes of the October 26 meeting have been electronically approved and forwarded to University Council.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

III. New Business

A. Graduate Education Week

Ms. April Mayes and Dr. Martha Reifsnider gave an overview of Graduate Education Week, which is being planned for March 26-30, 2001. The program is being organized to increase the university's awareness of the contributions made by graduate students to research and education at Virginia Tech. They distributed a handout on proposed events: symposiums, College/Department Graduate Education Day, Graduate Student Appreciation Day, and an awards banquet. The commission gave suggestions on how to get undergraduates involved in the week's activities. For more information or suggestions about events, contact Ms. Mayes at fellows@vt.edu.

B. University Governance Structure

Dr. Patricia Hyer discussed the governance structure of the university. The university uses a shared governance system, which includes students at all levels of governance from commissions up to the Board of Visitors. She explained the responsibilities of the Board of Visitors, University Council, and the various commissions. Dr. Hyer also discussed the process for submitting resolutions and answered questions about how to get resolutions into the approval process. A resolution must first be passed by a commission, then University Council, then the Board of Visitors before becoming policy. Anyone needing more information about writing and introducing resolutions may contact Dr. Hyer at hyerp@vt.edu.

C. Approval of Panhellenic Council (PhC) Bylaws and Constitution (First Reading)

Ms. Heidi Ryan discussed the changes that have been made to the PhC bylaws and constitution and presented them for first reading by the commission. The second reading and approval will take place at the November 30 commission meeting. Comments or suggestions should be sent to Ms. Ryan at hryan@vt.edu prior to the second reading.

IV. Announcements

Ms. Susan Anderson announced that Women in Mathematics would take place at the Math Emporium on November 15.

Ms. King reminded the commission that Dr. Cross would be meeting with the Football Ticket Subcommittee immediately following the commission meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sanzenbach
Recording Secretary