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MEMORANDUM

October 8, 1976

TO: Members of the Commission on Student Affairs

FROM: Linda L. Harriman *Linda L. Harriman*  
Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, October 7, 1976

The Commission on Student Affairs met on Thursday, October 7, 1976, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 344 Squires Student Center. The following members were absent: Dr. N. Alan Sheppard represented by Ms. Janet Jones; Ms. Christine Rotchford represented by Ms. Kathy Hoskins; Dean William C. Havard; Mr. Ed Harvie; Mr. Paul Outten. The following items were considered:

1. The minutes of the meeting of September 23, 1976, were approved as distributed.
2. The agenda was approved with the following changes:
  - a. Ms. Kathy Hoskins, representing the Virginia Tech Union, requests permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a popular concert on Tuesday, February 15, 1977, at 8:00 p.m. in Burruss Hall Auditorium.
  - b. Mr. Zane Scott requests permission for the Virginia Tech Motorcycle Club to advertise prior to and sponsor a movie entitled "Roger Decoster, Portrait of a Champion" on Friday, October 15, 1976, at 9:00 p.m. in the fourth floor lounge of Ambler-Johnston Hall. The event is open to the public and there will be a nominal admission charge.
  - c. Mr. Mark Warlick requests permission for the Student Government Association to advertise prior to and sponsor the Fall Senatorial elections on Wednesday, October 20, 1976. The Student Government Association is requesting permission, through the Office of the Vice President for Administration, to place temporary polling facilities on the drill field and behind Cowgill and Derring Halls. These temporary facilities will consist of open canopy tents and tables. They would be set up the morning of the election and taken down at 5:30 p.m. that afternoon.
  - d. Mr. Mark Warlick requests permission for the Wesley Foundation Student Organization to advertise prior to and sponsor a movie entitled "Jesus Christ Superstar" on Sunday, October 17, 1976, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation building. The event is open to the public with an admission charge of 50¢ per person.

- e. Ms. Kathy Hoskins stated that item #13 on the agenda, a request by Ananda Marga to sponsor a program on Thursday, October 21, 1976, should be deleted from the agenda.
  - f. Ms. Kathy Hoskins requests that a second lecture be added to item #14. This lecture will be held on Friday, October 22, 1976, at 11:00 a.m. in either the Rehearsal Room of Squires Student Center or McBryde Auditorium. The topic of this lecture will be "New Directions in Social Movements".
3. Mr. Glenn Ayers, a member of the Legislative Educational Subcommittee (the Durette Committee) made a presentation to the members of the Commission on Student Affairs concerning House Bill No. 547 relating to student activity fees at Virginia state institutions of higher learning and the upcoming visit of the Durette Committee to the Virginia Tech campus on October 15, 1976.

Mr. Glenn Ayers thanked the membership for the opportunity to appear before the Commission on Student Affairs to discuss House Bill No. 547 and stated that the opinions expressed at this meeting were his and not necessarily those of the Durette Committee. Mr. Ayers explained that, in essence, this bill would abolish mandatory student activity fees in all Virginia state institutions of higher learning. He related that the bill would not be passed in its present form and that it will be revised in such areas as the percent of the student vote necessary to affect the student activity fees and the problem of the possible effect that such legislation would have on the bonded indebtedness of student center buildings across the State. It was outlined that those who argue for student activity fees site reasons such as the need for establishing alternative methods for funding activities currently supported by student activity fees and the hampering effect on long-range planning of student organizations currently supported by student activity fees. On the other side of the issue, those that argue against student activity fees feel that mandatory student activity fees violate one's constitutional rights by funding something that one does not want to support and that if the programs currently supported by student activity fees are valuable and worthwhile they should be supported by the academic programs of the University.

The Durette Committee will hold three public hearings as follows: Thursday, October 14, 1976, at the College of William & Mary; Friday, October 15, 1976, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Squires Theatre; Thursday, October 28, 1976, at the University of Virginia. Mr. Ayers encouraged those interested to participate in the hearing to be held at Virginia Tech. The membership of the Durette Committee is composed of three delegates of the Virginia Legislature, one professor from the College of William & Mary, and three students - two from the University of Virginia and one from Virginia Tech.

It was noted that Virginia Tech does not have a student activity fee, but rather a student center fee where portions of the fees collected go to retire the bonds on Squires Student Center, to fund the maintenance and operation of Squires Student Center, and to the Student Budget Board to allocate to approved student organizations.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ayers for his presentation to the members of the Commission on Student Affairs.

4. Mr. Dan Love, representing the Newman Community, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a "Super Sunday" on Sunday, October 10, 1976, from 11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. in the Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. This event is open to the public with no admission charge. It is anticipated that 1200 to 1250 people will attend this event.

Ms. Terri Garcia moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Mr. Gary Guinn, representing Beta Alpha Psi, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a meeting on Monday, October 11, 1976, from 5:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. in Squires Old Dominion Ballroom. The meeting will feature Professor R. J. Chambers, and a renowned accountant from the University of Sydney, Australia, who will speak on "Developments Around the World Towards 'Current Value' Accounting". The meeting will be open to the public with no admission charge. There will be free refreshments (soft drinks and cookies) served following the presentation.

Ms. Terri Garcia moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. Mr. Zane Scott, representing the Residence Hall Federation and the Virginia Tech Horticulture Club, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor the Homecoming Mum Sale to be held in Owens, Shultz, and Dietrick Dining Halls on Monday, October 18, and Tuesday, October 19, from 4:30 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. The prices will be \$2.00 for mums without insignias and \$2.15 for mums with fraternity and corps insignias. The mums come in yellow, white, and bronze. Orders may be picked up on Friday, October 22, from 4:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. in 144 Smyth Hall or on Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon in 144 Smyth Hall. Approval for the use of University facilities is pending from Mr. Howard King, Mr. Thomas Lile, and the Office of the Vice President for Administration. Commission approval is pending on the approval by the appropriate University authorities for the use of University facilities.

Mr. Zane Scott moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7. Ms. Lorie Karcher, representing the Performing Arts Federation, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor the following programs during Fall Quarter, 1976:
- a. Faculty Recital--to be held Thursday, October 7, 1976, at 8:00 p. m. in McBryde Auditorium. The event is open to the public with no admission charge.
  - b. Performance of Literature I--to be held Thursday, October 15, 1976, at 8:15 p. m. in Room 104 Performing Arts Building. The first of the 1976-77 Performance of Literature Series features discussion and performances of literature for children. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of 50¢ per person.
  - c. Faculty Recital--to be held Monday, October 18, 1976, at 8:15 p. m. in the McBryde Auditorium. This event is open to the public with no admission charge.
  - d. University Symphony Wind Ensemble--to be held Thursday, October 21, 1976, at 8:15 p. m. in Squires Theatre. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of \$1.00 for the general public and students will be admitted free of charge.
  - e. New River Valley Symphony--to be held Monday, October 25, 1976, at 8:15 p. m. in Squires Theatre. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of \$2.00 for the general public and students will be admitted free of charge.
  - f. Performance of Literature II--to be held Thursday, October 28, 1976, at 8:15 p. m. in Room 104 of the Performing Arts Building. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of 50¢ per person.
  - g. University Jazz Ensemble--to be held Saturday, October 30, 1976, at 8:00 p. m. in Squires Student Center. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of \$1.00 for the general public and 50¢ for students.
  - h. Whitman Trio--to be held Monday, November 1, 1976, at 8:15 p. m. in McBryde Auditorium. This event is open to the public free of charge.
  - i. Patrick Henry Awards--to be held Wednesday, November 3, 1976, at 7:00 p. m. in McBryde Auditorium. This event is open to the public free of charge.
  - j. New Virginians--to be held Saturday, November 6, 1976, at 5:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. in the Burruss Hall Auditorium. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of \$2.50 for the general public, \$1.50 for students, and \$8.50 per family.

- k. Techmen--to be held Monday, November 8, 1976, at 8:15 p.m. in McBryde Auditorium. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of \$1.00 for the general public and students will be admitted free of charge.
- l. Communications Forum--to be held Tuesday, November 9, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in McBryde Auditorium. The subject of the Forum will be "How Carter Did It"--and whatever Carter did, with Wesley Pippert of the United Press International news team. This event is open to the public with no admission charge.
- m. Performance of Literature III--to be held Thursday, November 11, 1976, at 8:15 p.m. in Room 104 of the Performing Arts Building. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of 50¢ per person.
- n. Collegium Musicum--to be held Friday, November 12, 1976, at 8:15 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church. This event is open to the public with no admission charge.
- o. New River Valley Symphony--to be held Monday, November 15, 1976, at 8:15 p.m. in the Squires Theatre. This event is open to the public with an admission charge of \$2.00 for the general public and students will be admitted free.

Mr. Roy Martin moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- 8. Mr. Zane Scott moved to approve the Residence Hall Federation Executive Board minutes of September 20, 1976. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 9. Mr. George Awwad, representing the Arab Student Association, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a documentary movie entitled "We are the Palestinians". The movie will be shown on Thursday, October 14, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, October 15, 1976, at 6:45 p.m. in the West Commonwealth Ballroom of Squires Student Center. The event is open to the public with no admission charge. No refreshments will be served.

Ms. Terri Garcia moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- 10. Mr. Thomas Moyer, representing Alpha Pi Mu, and the American Institute of Industrial Engineers requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a collection for UNICEF on Friday, October 29, 1976, and on National UNICEF Day, Sunday, October 31, 1976. The Club would like to set up tables in Owens, Shultz, and Dietrick Dining Halls and in Squires

Student Center on Sunday, October 31, 1976. The club would like to set up a table in Whittemore Hall on Friday, October 29, 1976. The club will contact Mr. Howard King, Mr. Thomas Lile, and the Office of the Vice President for Administration for approval to use the requested University facilities. Commission approval is pending on the approval by the appropriate University authorities for the use of University facilities.

Mr. Mark Warlick moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

11. Ms. Terri Garcia, representing the Panhellenic Council, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor Formal Rush Registration from November 1, 1976, to November 24, 1976.

Ms. Terri Garcia moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

12. Mr. Dilip Sheth, representing the Indian Association, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor the Indian movie, "Ranjani Gandha", with English subtitles on Saturday, October 16, 1976, at 7:30 p. m. in McBryde Auditorium. The program will be open to the public with an admission charge of \$1.00 for members, \$1.50 for non-members, and children will be admitted free. It will cost the club approximately \$105.00 to show this movie.

13. Mr. George Hodges, representing Ananda Marga, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a lecture on the general subject of "Spiritual Progress and Social Change" by Acharya Yatiishvarananda Avt on Thursday, October 21, 1976, at 7:30 p. m. at 1201 N. Main Street, Blacksburg. Additionally, Ananda Marga requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a lecture on the topic "New Directions in Social Movements" on Friday, October 22, 1976, at 11:00 a. m. in either the Rehearsal Room of Squires Student Center or McBryde Auditorium. Both programs are open to the public with no admission charge.

Mr. Gary Smallwood moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

14. Mr. Stephen Mathews, representing the Class of 1978, requested permission to advertise prior to the collection of Class dues on Wednesday, October 13, 1976. Dues are \$15.00 and will be collected from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p. m. in Squires Student Center.

Mr. Stephen Mathews moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

15. Mr. Stephen Mathews, representing the Class of 1978, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor the Class of 1978 Ring Premiere on Wednesday, October 20, 1976, at 7:30 p. m. in the Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. Advertisement will be in the form of posters and balloons to be distributed prior to the Premiere.

Mr. Stephen Mathews moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

16. Ms. Kathy Hoskins, representing the Virginia Tech Union, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a popular concert on Tuesday, February 15, 1977, at 8:00 p. m. in Burruss Hall Auditorium. Dean David Hill questioned if the Theatre Arts University Theatre had been consulted that this concert would be held on the same date as one of their programs. Ms. Hoskins responded that, as yet, the group had not been consulted.

Ms. Kathy Hoskins moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 11 for/2 against/and 2 absentees.

17. Mr. Richard Kehoe, representing the Virginia Tech Motorcycle Club, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor a movie entitled "Roger Decoster, Portrait of a Champion" on Friday, October 15, 1976, at 9:00 p. m. in the fourth floor lounge of Ambler-Johnston Hall. The event is open to the public and there will be an admission charge. This admission charge will be either 15¢ or 25¢. No refreshments will be served.

Ms. Terri Garcia moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

18. Mr. David Neumann, representing the Student Government Association, requested permission to advertise prior to and sponsor the Student Government Association's Fall Senatorial Elections for 13 senatorial positions on Wednesday, October 20, 1976. To make the polling stations accessible to all students, the Student Government Association is requesting permission from the Office of the Vice President for Administration to place three temporary polling facilities on the drillfield and one between the commuter parking lot and Cowgill Hall and one between the commuter parking lot and Derring Hall. These temporary facilities would consist of open canopy tents and tables. They would be set up the morning of the election and taken down at 5:30 that afternoon. The SGA will be responsible for any litter that might occur during the course of the election. Cadet Colonel Poole noted that none of the proposed locations are particularly accessible to students living in the upper quad area of the campus. It was his suggestion that an additional polling station be located outside of McBryde Hall. The Chairman of the Commission for Student Affairs noted that the location of additional polling stations would need to be requested through the Office of the Vice President for Administration.

The Student Government Association has contacted Dr. Raymond Smoot in the Office of the Vice President for Administration to seek approval for the use of University facilities. Commission approval of this event is pending the approval of Dr. Raymond Smoot for the use of University facilities.

Mr. Bill Johnston moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

19. Mr. Steve Pearmen, representing the Wesley Foundation Student Organization, requested permission to advertise prior to the movie "Jesus Christ Superstar" to be held Sunday, October 17, 1976, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation Building. The event is open to the public with an admission charge of 50¢ per person. It will cost the group \$175.00 to show this film. They do not expect a profit from this program but are rather presenting it as a community service,

Mr. Zane Scott moved for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Chairman of the Commission announced this schedule for the remaining Commission meetings for Fall Quarter, 1976: at the October 21, 1976, meeting, the Commission will consider requests for approval of programs for the remainder of the Fall Quarter up to November 18, 1976 (the beginning of the examination period) and for the beginning of Winter Quarter, 1976. At the November 4, 1976, meeting of the Commission, the agenda will be closed for the sole consideration of proposed changes to University Policies for Student Life for 1977-78.
2. Dr. Dean commended the Student Government Association, the Class of 1977, the College Republicans, the Young Democrats, the Interfraternity Council, and the Panhellenic Council for bringing Vice Presidential candidate, Senator Robert Dole, to the Virginia Tech campus as a part of their Student Forum 1976. The program was very successful and brought the University a great deal of national coverage. The students involved in sponsoring this program, as well as the University community, learned a great deal from this successful program.
3. The next meeting for the Commission on Student Affairs will be Thursday, October 21, 1976, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 344 Squires Student Center.

LLH:cbm

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