

## Commission on Student Affairs

Thursday, March 7, 2013

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brush Mountain Room – Squires Student Center

**Present:** Shaimaa Abdallah, Marwa Abdullatif, Chris Atkins, Cathye Betzel, Tyler Campbell, Dustin Dorph, Jessica Estariz, Monika Gibson, Kylie Gilbert, Michael Goodwin, Jacob Grohs, Erlan Guzman, Rudney Danquah for Lauren Heming, Robyn Jones, Mary Ann Lewis, Nick Onopa, Guy Sims for Patty Perillo, Caroline Sapyta, Robert Sebek, Jason Berube for Jay Tucker

**Absent:** Claire Childress (with notice), Elaine Mathis (with notice), Kristen McCall, Margaret McQuain (with notice), Kareim Oliphant

**Guests:** Roy Abernathy, Kimberly Caputo, Jordan Disney, Justin Graves, Jaime Joslin, Kabemba Kapanga, Lester Schonberger, Rohsaan Settle, Frank Shushok, Angela Simmons, Christopher Tam, Erica Wood

### I. Call to Order

Mr. Atkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Nick Onopa moved that the agenda be adopted, seconded by Mr. Dorph. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

#### Guest Speakers

##### a. BOV Student Rep Candidates

Mr. Onopa introduced the three finalists for the Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Visitors: Erica Wood, International Studies; Jordan Disney, Psychology; and Kabemba Kapanga, Psychology, French and International Studies. Each finalist was given an opportunity to speak and comment on why they would like to serve as the Undergraduate Representative to the BOV. Following these comments, members of the interview committee were given the opportunity to give the applicants feedback on their interview and their expectations of the person selected to fill the position.

### II. Old Business

##### a. Campus Clubs Bill Update

Nick Onopa

Mr. Onopa reported they did not get support from the University of Virginia, UVA at Wise, William and Mary, Mary Washington or Virginia Military Institute to sign the letter to Governor McDonnell, so without their support, the letter will not be sent. However, there is a letter coming from former BOV student representatives. He also reported that the Senate bill passed on February 21 and there are thirty days to respond, however the identical bill was passed in the House and signed on February 14 which means it could officially be put into law. Mr. Onopa is still researching on whether or not that is going to happen.

Dr. Sims commented that other folks in other states, such as Idaho, are also looking at this issue. This is a nationwide issue that is being looked at closely.

- b. SGA Resolution Dustin Dorph  
Mr. Dorph recommended that the resolution requesting a policy outlining a plan for installation of water bottle refilling stations be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Onopa suggested that they it as a recommendation to the Vice President for Administration and the Planning Department to be included in future plans. Mr. Dorph motioned to table this discussion for the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Onopa. The motion carried.
- c. Hokie Handbook Policy Revisions Angela Simmons  
Ms. Simmons presented the second reading of the Hokie Handbook policy changes with recommended changes from last week's meeting. The only other recommended change was in the Abusive Conduct Policy, items #6 and #7 with the use of and/or. Mr. Goodwin made a motion to accept the changes in each item, seconded by Ms. Abdallah. The motion was carried and Ms. Simmons made the change on site. Each resolution was then voted on individually:  
Abusive Conduct Policy Changes – Motion made to approve by Michael Goodwin, seconded by Ms. Abdallah, motion carried.  
Expansion of Drug Policy – Motion made to approve by Michael Goodwin, seconded by Ms. Gilbert. Motion carried with five against and one abstention.  
Expansion of the Unauthorized Entry Policy – Motion made to approve by Robyn Jones, seconded by Mr. Onopa. The motion carried with one abstention.
- d. Sub-Committee Report Chris Tam  
Mr. Tam reported that the sub-committee has met to discuss the Duke University Incident involving Asian-American students and will be bringing forth a formal discussion at the next CSA meeting.
- e. Graduate Representative to the BOV Ms. Robyn Jones  
Ms. Jones reported that two applicants for the Graduate Representative to the Board of Visitors will move forward in the process. Nick Warrington, who is away at a conference and unable to attend the CSA meeting and Justin Graves. Mr. Graves was then given the opportunity to introduce himself and state the reasons he is interested in holding this position.

### III. New Business

- a. Extreme Home Makeover Kimberly Caputo and Ray Abernathy  
Mr. Dorph introduced Ms. Kimberly Caputo and Mr. Ray Abernathy, Co-Directors of Student Outreach for SGA, who gave a presentation on the results of the Extreme Makeover: Campus Edition Survey. They explained that this was a collaboration of two different surveys to gather student input from the undergraduate population with a goal to gather student input and create director for SGA.  
Part One: Total responses: 3246 , 11.26% - Focus areas were dining, transportation, the library, and the student center.  
Part two: Was done by e-mail to undergraduate students. Total responses 1,910, an 8.03% response rate. Four main areas: transportation, dining, student centers, other.

Because the response rate was under 10%, the results did not adequately represent the student body.

Ms. Abdallah suggested that the next time they might want to include questions to address the concern about accessibility to buildings around campus and that the bus service does not offer service during breaks when graduate students are often still here.

Ms. Caputo and Mr. Abernathy noted that as a result of this survey, some steps to be taken are:

- Begin discussion with BT to expand bus routes
- Seek longer hours and better flow for dining halls
- Begin discussion for improvements to Johnston Student Center
- Begin library improvements including electrical outlets, space reservations, and quiet zones.

b. Hokie Honor Statement and In-TECH-rith Campaign

Mr. Onopa presented the first reading of the resolution addressing Hokie Honor, noting that he has already met with the Commission on Faculty Affairs, Dr. Will Lewis in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Commission on Undergraduate and Policy Studies. Ms. Gibson expressed a concern that the Graduate Honor System had not been contacted for input and that all honor systems should be a part of this discussion. It was also suggested that this may not be a student affairs related issue and should go to the Commission whose focus is on academic policies.

**IV. Announcements**

- Ms. Abdallah announced that there will be a childcare utilization survey coming out and encouraged everyone to fill it out when they receive it.
- The graduate student climate assessment should go out tomorrow.
- SGA elections will be held right after spring break.
- There will be a debate among the SGA Executive Branch candidates on March 19, at 7:30 p.m.
- Jewish Cultural Month is March 15 thru April 15.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.