Commission on Student Affairs
Thursday, April 9, 2015
3:30-5:00 PM
Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Present:

Susan Anderson, Cathye Betzel, Matthew Chan, Katie Steuer –designee for Claire Childress, Alicia Cohen, Rudney Danquah, Jackie Fisher, Ashley Francis, Austin Larrowe, Kaleigh Leal, Mary Ann Lewis, Patty Perillo, Robert Sebek, Sapna Singh –designee for Brian Tran, Lauren Surface –designee for Monika Gibson, Jake Tully, Dan Ridenour –designee for Eric Wetzel

Absent:

Erica Bassuk, Austin Dickey, Joseph Edens, Noha Elsherbiny, Jean-Luc Ford, Kaleigh Leal, Ethan Poole, Greg Purdy, Tuna Shankar, Ricardo Zalles Reyes

Guests:

Kyle Anderson

I. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Jackie Fisher, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. welcoming the group to today’s meeting and reviewing the agenda items for discussion. Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to adopt the agenda; it was moved by Ms. Susan Anderson, seconded by Mr. Dan Ridenour, and approved unanimously.

II. Presentations

Dr. James Orr – Undergraduate Honor System Policy Updates

Dr. James Orr, Director of the Undergraduate Honor System at Virginia Tech, came to the commission to present proposed changes to the Undergraduate Honor System. Major changes included an evaluation of sanctions, providing an avenue for students to know what consequences may happen before any infraction of the Honor Code actually occurs, and the implementation of a student development policy. These revisions are currently in the possession of the Provost, and will be shared once Dr. Orr is approved to do so.

III. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

IV. New Business

Student Budget Board Policy Changes

Mr. Max Frischman, vice-chair of Student Budget Board, and Mr. Matt Chan spoke to CSA concerning possible changes to the Student Budget Board policies. First, the titles of the
chair and vice-chair would be changed to faculty advisor and chair, respectively, as the student vice-chair is currently the acting chair of Student Budget Board meetings. Second, there were discussions about changing the appropriation strategy schedule due to the fact that a great amount of the funding is not currently allocated by the Student Budget Board. Third, due to the lack of attendance in Student Budget Board meetings, there were discussions about possibly having members of organizations apply to be on Student Budget Board, rather than having officers come due to the fact that these officers are often unaware that they are required to attend these meetings upon entering office. Lastly, discussions about a representative from Student Budget Board coming to CSA with monthly updates as to what the Board is doing arose as well.

V. Commission/Committees/Sub-Committee Updates

The proposed changes to the Curriculum for Liberal Education were passed in University Council on Monday, April 6.

VI. Announcements

No Announcements.

VII. Adjournment

With no further announcements or business, Ms. Jackie Fisher, vice-chair, entertained a motion to adjourn; Ms. Alicia Cohen motioned and Mr. Jake Tully seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.