

MINUTES

Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs

April 2, 2025

11:15 pm

CID, Multipurpose Room (Room 104)

Present: Aarav Parikh (presiding), Kat Nelson (representing James Bridgeforth), Alix Guynn (representing Sarah Armstrong), Yohan Sequeira, Ram Bubby, Anusha Dhungana, April Myers (representing Kim O'Rourke), Lauren Surface, Dee Hopkins, Jeril Antoney, Ethan Change, and Tamara Cherry-Clarke.

Absent with Notice: James Bridgeforth (representing Frances Keene).

Absent: Kimberly Smith, Crasha Townsend, Mantu Hudait, Tsung-Yen Tsou, Rebecca Caldwell (representing Keely Whitesell), Alex Amador, and Jungwoo Cho.

Guests: Morgen Snowadzky, Winn Williams, Chloe Ebert, and Alex Efird.

Aarav Parikh called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2025

The meeting minutes were sent out electronically for approval.

3. Unfinished Business

CUSA 2024-25B

Aarav Parikh

The changes presented for second reading included updating the definition of UCSOs in the USS Constitution to include "A UCSO with voting rights in USS must represent a designated student constituency." With this change, it was proposed that Hokies Activity Board (HAB) be removed from the voting membership of USS.

After discussion, it was recommended that prior to removing UCSOs from voting membership of USS, additional discussions should take place and a consistent, written method of evaluating UCSO voting membership in USS be written. It was recommended that all UCSO mission statement should be reviewed and compared to the definitions of UCSOs in the USS Constitution, UCSO Presidents and Advisor should be contacted to hear their perspective on their voting membership status, and an update be provided. Any updates to voting membership for UCSOs will take place in the next academic year. In the meantime, the rest of the proposed changes to the USS Constitution will be considered and voted on electronically by the commission prior to the USS Senate meeting on April 8th.

4. New Business

CUSA Ad Hoc Committee

Aarav Parikh

Any undergraduate students interested in being involved with the ad hoc committee to provide recommendations to update Policy 8012 need to express their interest by the end of this week. The goal of the ad hoc committee is to have the recommendations compiled by the end of the semester

The ad hoc committee which is focused on improving the undergraduate student experience with parking on campus currently has a team of 5 engineering students to start developing an application to share real time available parking spaces. Aarav would like to get additional student feedback on what they'd like to see on the beta version of an application. Other members of this group are working to generate questions for the parking canvas quiz. If completed, people could get their first parking ticket waived. Aarav is asking about more specifics on the requirements and frequency of having a parking ticket waived upon completing the course.

CUSA Vice Chair

Aarav Parikh

Ethan Change and Anusha Dhungana volunteered to be considered for the Vice Chair position. A vote was conducted by CUSA and the Vice Chair for the remainder of the semester is Anusha Dhungana.

Big Event Constitution

Aarav Parikh

This constitution will be voted on electronically. Responses will be due by Tuesday April 8th at noon.

Class System Constitution

Aarav Parikh

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5. CUSA Conversations

Hokie Scheduler

VTPD Dorm incident report

A situational awareness email was sent out regarding unlawful filming in a residence hall bathroom. Members of the commission expressed concern about this incident and discussed how to prevent this from happening again. One suggestion was to add keypads in resident hall restrooms. Aarav shared he will reach out to VTPD and Residential Wellbeing to learn about the steps being taken to prevent this from happening again.

6. University Council and Commission Updates

7. Announcements

8 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.