

## Student Government Minutes December 2, 2002

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm

II. Attendance was taken

III. Minutes were read and accepted by unanimous consent

IV. Officer Reports

A. President Williams

1. President Tribble will speak now instead of later

-President Tribble: wanted to come and meet with the student representatives, purpose is to be here and answer questions or respond to concerns, and learn from you

-speak to tuition: two considerations - 1) don't want any further reductions of programs or people on campus, decisions made have been difficult, circumstances dictate we lose over four million; 2) state budget still out of balance, Governor will be coming forth with more cuts, reduce budget by over 1 billion dollars, recommendations go to General Assembly; House of Delegates and Senate will resolve budget questions, must anticipate further budget reductions, further cuts in spending, in order to avoid cutting people and programs, we need to increase tuition, all other colleges have increased tuition for next year \$170 to \$400; make a proposal to BOV, should be in between \$170 and \$400; if we raise by \$150 - will generate almost a million dollars; 1000 people on campus are receiving financial aid, hold those folks harmless, really not good to raise tuition in the middle of the year, want to hold students "harmless"; would set aside \$250,000 for financial aid, kept there as insurance for further cuts; decisions will be made in March; everyone anticipates another round of reductions; left with \$750,000, this would cover another 5% reduction of state; know this is an agenda item for you today, perhaps this gives some perspective to discussion; every other school in VA has increased tuition, we're the last school; wanted prospective game of what other schools are doing; the average middle ground is about \$250

-Senator Thomas (Xposure) - why is CNU unable to take money from building funds? Can you explain how W&M did same thing?

-Tribble: you can't take money from different funds and do that, you raise money, you can do that; it's impossible to take capital construction funds and use it for any other purpose other than what's its been allocated for

-Senator Thomas (Xposure) - can it be requested from the legislators to use monies from different funds?

-Tribble: you can go to General Assembly and do anything, but we also desperately need new buildings, and classroom buildings, need a better modern library; the one we have now was built for a very different student population, desperately need new academic buildings, would suggest needs there are every bit as great, takes several years to build buildings, we need them today, but they won't be completed for another two or three years; desperate need in VA for capital construction, at W&M buildings are falling down, money in referendum will go to repairing old buildings and building new buildings; desperate need for operating funds

-Senator Poljacik (Alpha Psi Omega) - we're anticipating budget cuts, but what if there are none?

-Tribble: we'll still keep your money, restore book buying in library, would buy equipment in library, would restore student employment to past levels; if you go to my office you'll see empty desks, those people are gone, the last thing we did was cut programs, what we would do with money is this: \$250,000 go to students with financial aid, balance will be set aside to protect us from further cuts or programs; we would restore funding to parts of our campus if cuts didn't happen

-Senator Pollack (Alpha Psi Omega) - what other steps can we take to stop them from taking money?

-Tribble: write your Delegates and Senators, write your legislators, tell them they've hit higher education high enough, please take cuts from somewhere else; politicians have two choices: increase taxes or cut spending; there are plans to cut secondary education by millions of dollars, probably want to cut us further as well

-Senator Deeley - what is the status of private sector funding?

-Tribble: less than \$400,000 when I got here, now over \$4 million, there's not a large almunae base to give money, give me a couple of hundred years to get a huge endowment like the older universities; private funding has increased dramatically; CNU is youngest of public universities; we can't offset cuts;

these cuts are permanent, that money that disappears on July 1 disappears forever, you can't solve problem for one year, it's permanent; as graduates go out and CNU is an important part of your life, come back, give money, and put your names on buildings, we're a very young University; many people that give restrict their gifts, most money goes to scholarships, these donations are very specific; challenge is to increase private fundraising, very successful with this; get people to give money that is not restricted, never can monies replace cuts that have been forced by the state

-Senator Jaeschke (Gay Straight Student Union) - you've outlined this possible 5% increase, what if it's greater or tuition increase is smaller?

-Trible: have to wait and see, I have some influence on tuition increase; hope is that there will not be further cuts, given status of state deficit, we'll probably have to cut further; if we increased tuition by \$250 a person, we'll be protected up to 25% for budget cuts <<the 20% is cuts that have already been made>>

-Senator Floyd (Crossfire) - increasing tuition, have others decided to save money for financial aid students? there are some students out there that really don't deserve financial aid

-Trible: yes others have, it's the right thing to do; we can't go into every situation and figure out whether the person really needs financial aid or not; FAFSA qualifies you for financial aid, we have to take their word

-Senator Herrin - lot of talks about short term, what about long term and the goals?

-Trible: still aiming for the same goals we always have

-Senator Martin - what other building besides Ferguson are being built?

-Trible: breaking ground next summer on student center, library - double with new construction, making this an info technology center for the campus, classrooms, lecture halls, multi-media centers, take Gosnold - knock down part of it and double it, making it a 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom facility; there are committees and students working on committees, what services should it have, what should be going on there, how should Gosnold be laid out, been a library study, members of faculty and students are on this committee too, their suggestions have been given to architects, then we will seek bids to construct buildings, early next summer or fall, take about 18 months to complete buildings, doing simultaneously; will save us money; new Student Center complete, old Student Center will become a 21<sup>st</sup> century building as well

-Senator Martin - each year freshmen have increased in size, will that class continue to increase

-Trible: can't afford to get bigger, more students is more tuition, but also more faculty; stay at 1200 freshmen

-Senator Laskowsey (Rugby Club) - education referendum, what does it mean for us?

-Trible: paid out as projects go forward; 24\$ million in construction costs, \$6 million in equipment; projects are library, renovation of Gosnold, \$6 or \$7 million go for old Student Center, \$3 or \$4 go for Center for the Arts

-Senator Pollack (Alpha Psi Omega) - budget cuts, willing to take pay cuts, to ease budget cuts?

-Trible: people are overworked and underpaid, we already cut administrative offices first, desperately short of people; would not support or recommended that people that are working their hearts out and have had pay frozen to be cut

-Senator Deeley - where are we going to acquire land for new buildings?

-Trible: already own it, Student Center is in place, Center for the Arts under construction, land we own and land we are going to develop

-Senator Bland (InterFraternity Council) - when is the parking garage going to be built?

-Trible: built along with Center for the Arts, part of it; has 500 parking inside, 250 outside; this summer parking area will be created beside entry way to campus (off Shoe Lane); be developed into surface parking lot for about 250 spots; added altogether 1000 more spaces in next year; freshmen can't bring cars next year

-Senator Schardoski - what other projects are being done on other side of Warwick?

-Trible: Education Foundation is developing over there, along Shoe Lane will be buildings that are retail space: restaurants, sporting good stores, bookstore, pizza, all kinds of places for students and community; above that upperclassmen apartments that are as nice as the ones across the street; buildings will look like York River; it's all going to change; we have 2021 students currently living on campus, in two years 3000 students will be living on campus, not bigger, just more residential

-Senator Word - will there be an increase in health care, freshmen won't have cars for first semester; and health care is moving to Jan Mar

-Trible: idea is next year freshmen can't bring car 1<sup>st</sup> semester; 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is dependent on grades; don't know where health services is moving to; talk to Dean of Students about that so we can get it all worked out

-Senator Deeley - are you in contact with political figures trying to get us ahead of older universities

-Trible: we've come along way, lowest funded school in VA when I first got here, in the past four years state has doubled our funding; we have great need for money; no way in world anyone could say state hasn't taken good care of us; state is in a terrible situation now; we got cut less than most schools; we got cut by 20% they got cut by almost 25%; we're doing the best we can; no other school has announced cuts for next year; do not compare our cuts to other cuts, not one other school has announced cuts for school next year; reason we made reductions, that if we made gut wrenching decisions, do it early, so people can adjust and not be surprised mid-semester; next year very few schools will you be able to graduate in four years; we made a tough decision, instead of cutting every program, and making it certain people couldn't graduate in four years; we looked at the core programs, have to shed some programs, not because they're not good, when you lose 20% you can't do as much

-Trible: would welcome thoughts and ideas, share those with us; if we made wrong choices then tell me where to cut, \$4.2 million is what we've got to cut, all folks telling me we shouldn't cut programs, but tell me where do we get \$4.2 million; been a tough fall, got decisions made, been implemented, gone extra mile to help affected students, help map out strategies, work with faculty as best we can, going forward; CNU's momentum will continue; welcome thoughts and ideas and insights; only be effective if you share with me your thoughts and ideas; I'm around, want to see me, we'll set this up, I walk around and attend events; in the spring be visiting the Senate more often; I love this school; we've come a long way in five or six years, we're going to go a lot further in the next five or six years

## 2. Concert <<President Williams continues report>>

-Bill from Whisper's Entertainment couldn't be here today; we're going to continue discussion about concert with VPUR Boyd and our advisor Donna

-Senator Herrin: quorum call

<<random dog enters meeting and is apprehended after being chased through the Senate>>

-quorum is present

-VPUR Boyd - hopefully we can take a vote today; need you to tell me what you need from me; have some slides to show you all

-Senator Willis - make motion that we risk \$3000 for the concert

-Senator Martin - can we see the slides before voting on motion?

-President Williams - yes

-<<slides: Alicia Keys, Jamie O'Neal, and Vertical Horizon info>>

-Advisor Eddleman - prices seen are in addition to what university spent money on; that's not included with Whisper; examples include food for dressing rooms, towels, etc.

-Alicia herself was \$50,000

-Jamie O'Neal was \$7,500

-Vertical Horizon concert, no flashlights, had to spend money, not run through Whisper's Entertainment, university expense

-Whisper's Entertainment, Bill Douthat works with all of these people for us, works with Ticket Master, shows up before concert and does all of that for us; challenge that you have: what if concert costs more than what you motion for

-Senator Herrin - what is current allocation for event?

-VPUR Boyd - \$1,350; contingency is \$8000

-Senator Weber - we decided to endorse this, take money out of matched funds, and maybe each club and organization can take \$50 out of their funds to help pay for concert

-Senator Jaeschke (Gay Straight Student Union)- don't know how much of contingency fund will be used next semester

-President Williams - problem now is that we don't have the contingency fund we used to have, it's a lot less; money not spent by clubs and orgs is contingency; it rolls over

-Senator Jaeschke (Gay Straight Student Union)- clubs and orgs could set budget for next semester

-Senator Orchison (Pi Lambda Phi)- what is your recommendation, does it make sense to spend all of that money, can't foresee catastrophic event in the future

-Advisor Eddleman - historically speaking, been really lucky, Alicia Keys, pretty much broke

even, challenge is the unknown, until you make a commitment, Bill can't make offers; fact that contingency is low makes me nervous; contingency was \$31,000 when I first got here; if concert doesn't go well, you have nothing to go back on; the picture is much bigger than do we want a concert or not

-Senator Martin: real concern is holding a concert and what we want to lose; profit - never made; have we ever thought of talking to other schools and going in with them and hold at another venue to try to make

-Senator Mick - in past it's never been brought to SGA, if money is not used for a concert, probably won't use it this year; I say we do it all; don't want to lose money, help sell tickets, you won't have to worry; worth \$5000 at least

-Senator Peterlin (Campus Activity Board) - is there anything else the contingency fund is used for  
VPUR Boyd - writing center

-Senator Peterlin (Campus Activity Board) - if we lose more money than what we have, who's in debt?

-VPUR Boyd - we would have to decide what to do

-Senator Munson (Order of Omega) - lots of us are getting ready to leave, need to vote now

-Advisor Eddleman - a group has to have a huge band to use the Hampton Coliseum

-Senator Herrin - hold a concert, hold a small one, blow a hole in our foot if we go beyond what we've got, do we want to see the radio station shut down because they don't have funds to run; let's be fiscally responsible

-Senator Thomas (Xposure) - who did we endorse?

-President Williams - Senate endorsed concert, not an artist

-Senator Thomas (Xposure) - can we vote for Gaines or another venue?

-Senator Smith (CNU Motorsports) - probability of having it in Gaines with the money we're looking at risking?

-Advisor Eddleman - Bill said it would have to be in Gaines

-Senator Smith (CNU Motorsports) - motion to revote

-President Williams - another motion on the floor; spend \$3000 on the concert

-Senator Hutchins (Class of 2004) - is this \$3000 on top of already allocated money to the concert

-President Williams - no

-Vote: nays - majority; motion does not pass

-President Williams - now voting on Senator Smith's motion

-Vote: yeas - majority; nays - 30, abstentions - 28; motion does not pass

-Senator Mick - how much money should we give to have a concert?

-Advisor Eddleman - not comfortable with giving a number

-Senator Warner (Residence Hall Association) - vote put on the floor to still have a concert?

-President Williams - anymore debate about the concert?

-President Williams - motion did fail, but we made the wrong announcement; we will not be having a concert in the spring

-Parliamentarian Maher - 2/3 majority was needed in order to have a concert, there was a majority, but there needed to be 2/3 in order for it to pass

-President Williams - there should be no reason people don't know what's going on or what type of vote we're taking, it's on back of your voting paddles

3. Senator Workshop - next spring, everyone is invited, get to know each other more

4. Tuition raise - debate and discussion - need a recommendation from you all for the BOV, how much you think tuition should be raised

-Senator Weber - a lot of people say \$300

-Senator Welch - 10% increase

-President Williams - this would be \$175

-Senator Welch - motion for 10% increase

-Vote: yeas - 50, nays - 41, abstentions - 10; motion fails

-Senator Deeley - motion to debate, no second

-Senator Weber - motion for \$250 increase

-Vote: yeas - majority; motion passes

## B. VPSS Davis

1. Blurt - out results : please remain quiet while we finish up; voting - clarify in the future, try to do it, call for point of order, we'll help you if you don't understand; computer concerns - Computer Center can

petition for money, but we can't force them to come and ask for money; Regattas needing fresher milk - if not fresh, let me know, changed daily, get Kevin in Regatta's or Discovery and let him know too, he runs food services; people stealing paper in computer labs - don't steal paper, bring paper to assistant at the lab and the assistant will watch paper; anonymous letters to Captain's Log - it's a newspaper, people are allowed to write anonymous letters, please see your representative Abbie Tang and Mike Mullin, the Editor In Chief for more info about the newspaper; paper sales in the Computer Center - admin liked this idea too, you can capitalize this idea, school can't do it right now; concert delay - anybody has power to move Senate and pass motions in Senate, if you are unhappy with way Senators are voting, call for debate; paddles and what's going on - if you don't understand or have something important call for a point of order

2. Campus Walks - none last week; campus walk this Thursday and Friday at 3pm

3. Faculty Senate - last recommendation was to ask that old programs be reinstated; this passed

#### C. VPUR Boyd

-Senator Herrin - quorum call

-President Williams - VPUR Boyd will continue with her report while the e-board checks for quorum

1. Campus Events - go out and support events; tree lighting and pancake breakfast; Angel Tree - community service type things are going on, support them

2. Leadership workshop - Dr. Colvin (our advisor) and I have been working on a training leadership; last weekend in January or February 8, e-mail you and let you know, be an all day thing; questions e-mail me [aboyd@cnu.edu](mailto:aboyd@cnu.edu)

#### D. Secretary Wenzel

1. Awards for perfect attendance - Meagan Brown, Clayton Comstock, Christina Consuergra, Beth Ann Crocker, Bridget Dillon, Dennis Diones, Chris Franklin, Matt Martin, Casey McCaskill, Zeib Parvez, Yvette Sanders, Kara Segna, Dylan Terrana, William White, Kelley Word, Linda Stoughton (Alpha Phi Omega), Frank Maxey (Association for Computing Machinery), Brian Williams (Baptist Student Union), KT Peterlin (Campus Activity Board), Diane Cabiroy (Campus Activity Board), Amber Church (Circle K), Emily Kirtz (Class of 2005), Brian Smith (CNU Motorsports), Chris Rice (CNU TONiGHT), Thomas Fellers, Nikki Wenzel (InterVarsity), Monet Atkins (Multicultural Student Association), Kevin Orchison (Pi Lambda Phi), Andrea Dunn (Psychology Club), Kristin Miller (Rowing Club), Nicole Glose (Silver Storm Dance Team)

2. Awards for Senator helpers - Eva Luisiana, Hailey Estes, Travis Binns, David Mick, Christina Consuergra, Shannon Hunt, Beth Ann Crocker, Nikki Wenzel

-President Williams - quorum is lost, meeting is adjourned

V. Meeting adjourned due to loss of quorum at 5:25pm.