

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

2:30 P.M.

APRIL 28, 2022

ROBERT A. ARCHER EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
MARTIN HALL, SECOND FLOOR, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair
Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Vice Chair
Ms. Lisa Pompa
Mr. Marquett Smith
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton
Ms. Grace Hurst, Non-Voting Student Advisory Member

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Lawrence

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Dr. Rhonda Bryant, Assistant Vice President for Student Success
Ms. Nancy Loosle, Associate Vice President for Campus Life, RUC
Ms. Angie Mitchell, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
Ms. Tricia Smith, Associate Vice President for Student Life

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair, formally called the meeting to order 2:09 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room in Martin Hall on the campus of Radford University.

ACTION ITEM

Ms. Chachra presented a resolution honoring Mr. Robert A. Archer for his leadership of the Board of Visitors as Rector since 2019 and in recognition of Rector Archer's dedication to the University; conscientious approach to his responsibilities; and genuine consideration for others, the Martin Hall second floor executive conference room be officially renamed the Robert A. Archer Executive Conference Room. Ms. Chachra asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Lisa Throckmorton so moved, Dr. Deb McMahon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached hereto as *Attachment A* and is made a part hereof.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Chachra asked for a motion to approve the April 28, 2022 meeting agenda for the Student Success Committee, as published. Dr. Deb McMahon so moved, Ms. Lisa Throckmorton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Chachra asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting of the Student Success Committee, as published. Dr. McMahon so moved, Mr. Marquett Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Student Government Association (SGA) President Grace Hurst presented the final update on SGA initiatives for the 2021-2022 academic year. The SGA held awareness campaigns on suicide prevention, sexual assault and sustainability during April. The Bags to Benches program is still extremely successful after four years. An additional bench was just installed on the Bonnie Plaza. SGA partnered with University Advancement to hold a canned food drive to benefit the Highlander Food Pantry. Thank you cards to express appreciation were written and distributed to faculty members across campus. SGA also held Unity Fest, a community-wide diversity awareness event, on campus last weekend. Justin McLaughlin was elected SGA President for the upcoming academic year. The Committee members thanked Grace for her service to the Committee.

SCHEV Student Representative Grace Green updated the Committee on the focus of the SCHEV Student Advisory Council this year. The Council meetings were still held virtually this year but that allowed for more meetings as students didn't have to travel to Richmond. The members organized into three subcommittees: Policy and Advocacy, Campus Engagement and Diversity, and Equity and Inclusion. Grace was on the Campus Engagement Committee, which focused on raising awareness of the availability of the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to college students. Effective January 2021, SNAP eligibility was extended to include students enrolled at least half-time in higher education.

President of the Diversity Awareness Programming (DAP) Board Joi Stanley updated the Committee on the diversity and inclusion student events and outreach held across campus this year. DAP is responsible for sponsoring culturally diverse events across campus. Students are automatically enrolled as members of DAP and all events are free to students. DAP also collaborates with other student organizations and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion to host events. They hosted Essence Fest, Black History Month dinner, information sessions regarding hate speech, self-care and financial literacy education.

Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser, Ed.D gave the Division of Student Affairs report. Dr. Trageser reported on the financial support provided to student organizations through the Club Programming Committee for events or student travel. New student orientation at RUC has been rebranded as Quest and sessions will be held throughout the summer. RUC Student Affairs developed and distributed a student survey to gather information related to the programs, services and activities RUC students are most interested.

The Inaugural Fraternal Leadership Summit was held for all members of the Greek community to further build connection and community among the membership.

The Esports Arena is under construction in Cook Hall with top-of-the-line technology being installed. The Esports minor has been approved and includes three new courses. The current record of the competitive team is: 7-1. Recruitment events will be held at high schools.

Student Counseling Services is collaborating with the Campus Suicide Prevention Center of Virginia to host ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) on campus in May. Substance Abuse and Violence Education Support (SAVES) services is the recipient of a \$75,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Health that will be used to hire a Coordinator of Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention. The grant will renew annually for four years. SAVES will also serve as a “technical hub” for the grant, participating in quarterly Project ECHO sessions. Project ECHO is a program that provides tele-mentoring to rural areas of the state in order to enrich care by networking with colleagues in the field.

Housing and Residential Life began hosting Highlander Huddles this year. Highlander Huddles are social events where Housing and Residential Life partners with other areas of campus to make residents aware of resources and services that are available to them. In March, Career and Talent Development partnered to offer students professional headshots and have their resumes reviewed.

Traditions Week events were held in April to celebrate students and included Freshmen Field Day, Halfway There, Junior Twilight and Senior Block Party. Spring Fling was also held at RUC. A \$4,000 Presidential Scholarship was awarded to a sophomore at Halfway There. Expanded to a sixth day, Traditions Week concluded with a concert for students. Students had options for virtual participation and throughout the week over 2,300 students engaged in various events.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Chachra adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jenni Webb
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Secretary to the Committee

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Resolution

WHEREAS, for decades, the Radford University community has benefited from the strong leadership of the Board of Visitors members which are appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and confirmed by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, annually, the Board of Visitors members elect a Rector who is charged with promoting a level of interest, involvement and activity among the members of the Board as will best contribute to: the establishment of proper policies; wise planning; intelligent and considerate observance of the rights of the faculty, administration, staff, and student body; and the maintenance of the independence of the Board, all of which will enhance the future welfare of the University; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2019, Robert A. Archer was elected Rector of the Radford University Board of Visitors; and

WHEREAS, Rector Archer has led the Board of Visitors with thoughtful and competent leadership which will positively impact the lives and benefit generations of Highlanders; and

WHEREAS, during the past three years, Rector Archer competently led the University through unrepresented times and challenges, never losing sight that the Board of Visitors greatest priority has and will always be our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Rector Archer's dedication to the University; conscientious approach to his responsibilities; and genuine consideration for others, the Martin Hall second floor executive conference room will be officially renamed the Robert A. Archer Executive Conference Room and may his legacy of kindness carry on forever.

Approved: April 28, 2022



Jay A. Brown, Ph.D.
Vice Rector
Radford University Board of Visitors



Karen Casteel
Secretary to the Board of Visitors
Radford University