

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF VISITORS**  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**May 3, 2012, 3:25 pm**  
**Board Room, Martin Hall**  
**Radford University**

**APPROVED**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Darius Johnson, Chair  
Mr. Stephan Q. Cassaday, Vice Chair  
Mr. Anthony Bedell  
Ms. Sandra C. Davis  
Mr. Milton C. Johns  
Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite, Rector  
Mr. Mark R. Pace, Vice Rector  
Ms. Megan Rhodes, Student Representative; non-voting, advisory member

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Nancy E. Artis  
Mr. Matthew B. Crisp  
Mr. Rene Fonseca  
Mr. Thomas E. Fraim, Jr.  
Dr. Richard A. Roth, Faculty Representative; non-voting, advisory member  
Mr. Ronald Wesley  
Ms. Linda Whitley-Taylor

**OTHERS PRESENT**

President Penelope W. Kyle  
Mr. Richard S. Alvarez, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Mr. Donald Appiarius, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students  
Mr. Kenneth J. Bonk, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Activities  
Ms. Deanne J. Estrada, Senior Editor, University Relations  
Mr. Danny M. Kemp, Chief Information Officer and Vice President for Information Technology  
Ms. Margaret McManus, University Auditor  
Dr. Sam Minner, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. James W. Noel, III, Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Ms. Emily Redd, President Student Government Association

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Darius Johnson, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. and recognized a quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Cassaday made a motion to approve the agenda as published prior to meeting. Ms. Nancy Artis seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Johnson, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, as distributed. Mr. Johns made the motion to approve the committee minutes and Mr. Bedell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS/UPDATES**

Mr. Johnson then called on Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President for Student Affairs to update the committee on the Student Affairs Division.

Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President of Student Affairs, reported on the status of Student Affairs at RU. He noted that the strategic planning process introduced two years ago is bearing fruit, guiding budget development, staffing plans, and programmatic initiatives. Programmatic initiatives of note include:

- A new “Leadership Imperative” in collaboration with Academic Affairs to transform the Radford Student Experience;
- Student Fitness and Wellness Center groundbreaking and operations planning;
- Intramural field expansion study to support growth of our largest student engagement program; and
- Residence hall renovation and future housing planning.

Dr. Shanley also described the Student Affairs rebuilding process that included replacing ten professional and three administrative staff positions over the past year. He acknowledged the contributions of his senior associates Ken Bonk and Don Appiarius and the entire Student Affairs team for advancing each of their areas in spite of key staff vacancies. He also offered special recognition of two student leaders, Emily Redd (SGA President) and Megan Rhodes (BOV Student Advisory Non-Voting Representative), who each made major contributions after assuming their positions in difficult mid-year transitions. Dr. Shanley then turned the floor over to Don Appiarius, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dean Appiarius reported on new staff appointments, strong housing applications for fall, progressive drops in high risk alcohol use over the past three years, and on the progress of the Student Government Association (SGA) under the leadership of Emily Redd. Dean Appiarius also noted the extensive ongoing threat assessment training being conducted and the Standards of Student Conduct policy refinement efforts that will be undertaken this summer.

Ken Bonk, Associate Vice President for Student Activities, then covered a range of progressive enhancements in student engagement experiences. These included student leadership receptions hosted by President Kyle at Hickory Hill, a new Student Leadership Conference held this spring, a national assessment coalition assessment of our fraternity and sorority system, and growth in student organizations (230) and membership (3,000 members including 900 Greeks, 500 sports clubs, and 3,500 in intramural sports). Mr. Bonk also noted that the infusion of additional funding led to record numbers of requests for student organization funding (127 requests, up 15%) and the expansion of alternative late night and weekend programming (20 programs funded averaging 200-300 students per event). Finally, utilization of the Hurlburt Student Center has grown to 225,000 patrons per month.-

### **Report from the Student Government Association President**

Ms. Emily Redd reported to the committee on many events, activities and programs that SGA has held and participated in. SGA has faced some unusual challenges this past year as the prior SGA President had to medically withdraw. But SGA was able to regroup and emerged as a stronger organization. SGA had close to a 50% increase in both contested positions and filled positions during the past election cycle along with increased voter turnout. The current and upcoming SGA leadership attended a state-wide leadership conference with counterparts throughout Virginia, followed by a national conference in New York and also participated and presented at the Ignite! Leadership Conference here at RU. SGA is in the process of proposing several significant revisions to the SGA Constitution to be able to more effectively operate. They plan to present this to the Student Affairs Committee in August.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

None.

### **OTHER:**

There was no new business to report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bedell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johns seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenni Tunstall