

# Student Success Committee

September 2021

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**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**  
**2:30 P.M.**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**  
**EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**SECOND FLOOR, MARTIN HALL, RADFORD, VA**

**DRAFT**  
**AGENDA**

- **CALL TO ORDER** Dr. Debra K. McMahon, *Vice Chair*
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Dr. Debra K. McMahon, *Vice Chair*
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Dr. Debra K. McMahon, *Vice Chair*
  - April 22, 2021
- **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT** Ms. Grace Hurst, *Student Government Association President*
- **THIS IS HOW WE DO IT: SUPPORT AND BELONGING** Dr. Susan Trageser, *Vice President for Student Affairs*  
Ms. Angie Mitchell, *Associate Vice President for Student Affairs*  
Ms. Tricia Smith, *Associate Vice President for Student Life*
- **OTHER BUSINESS** Dr. Debra K. McMahon, *Vice Chair*
- **ADJOURNMENT** Dr. Debra K. McMahon, *Vice Chair*

**\*\* All start times for committees are approximate only. Meetings may begin either before or after the listed approximate start time as committee members are ready to proceed.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

# September 2021 Meeting Materials

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# Student Government Association

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# Introduction: Grace Hurst

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Student Government Association President

# 2021-2022 Goals

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- Collaborate with other organizations and clubs
- Encourage new student engagement
- Promote mental health resources on campus
- Advocate for student needs and concerns

# Welcome Weeks

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- Welcome Weeks Events
- First Day Photos

# Senate

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## New Committees

- Parking Committee
- Mental Wellness Committee
- Constitution Revisions Committee

# Cabinet and Staff

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## Fall Events

- Athletic Tailgating Events
- Talent Showcase
- Costume Challenge
- Wellness Week
- School Supply Drives
- Holiday Parade

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# Questions?

# This is How We Do It: Support and Belonging

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# Models of Practice

- Launched in 2019
- Internal framework



## OUR VISION

Preparing students for lives of meaning and purpose

## OUR MISSION

Through co-curricular experiences, the Division of Student Affairs engages students in developing an inclusive and accessible campus environment, encouraging lifelong learning, citizenship, success and well-being.

## MODELS OF PRACTICE

As educators, administrators and employees in Student Affairs at Radford University, we commit to and invest in specific models of practice.

### Student-Centered

Our highest priority is to ensure student success. We build our functions, services and programs to complement in-class learning and facilitate success. We equip students with the right resources at the right time.

### Inclusive

We cultivate a culture of belonging. We emphasize care and respect while fostering just communities that appreciate, invite and embrace different perspectives.

### Caring

We recognize that community begins with us as a campus family — we extend grace, practice gratitude, promote well-being, lead with heart and model charity, kindness and hope. Our connections and relationships ensure people feel seen, heard and valued.

### Collaborative

We are considered knowledgeable, dedicated and valuable leaders and partners within the University community. We value collaborative relationships and service within and beyond our campus.

### Learning

We embrace a growth mindset, thrive on challenges and see failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities. We model adaptability and commit to professional development.

### Excellence

We set high standards and support continuous improvement, innovation, creativity and informed risk-taking. Staff members are mindful that their work product reflects not only their office/department or even the division, but also them as professionals. Even under the most impromptu or rushed circumstances, our work will be exemplary.

### Efficient

Our processes are intuitive, personal, on-time and streamlined. We ensure that self-service options are speedy, seamless and do not place an unwarranted administrative burden on the student. We focus on time-saving for students and staff, taking advantage of current mobile technology and on-demand services.

### Team-Oriented

We expect and model honesty, fairness and accountability in all our interactions. We strive to be selfless, caring and kind servant leaders and exercise our highest professional standards. Our interactions, our written work, our presentations and all else that we do in the workplace will reflect our belief that our collective experience is made better by our personal investment in our division. We take responsibility and keep others accountable.

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# Discussion

# Minutes

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**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**2:30 P.M.**

**APRIL 22, 2021**

**ART MUSEUM**

**COVINGTON CENTER, RADFORD, VA**

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Chair  
Mr. David A. Smith, Vice Rector  
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Rachel Fowlkes  
Ms. Karyn K. Moran  
Ms. Samantha Powell, Student Representative (Non-voting Advisory Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bob Archer, Rector  
Mr. Mark Lawrence, Vice Rector

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Debra McMahon, Chair, formally called the meeting to order 3:18 p.m. in the Art Museum in the Covington Center.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the April 22, 2021 meeting agenda for the Student Success Committee, as published. Mr. Mark Lawrence so moved, Mr. David Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting of the Student Success Committee, as published. Mr. Lawrence so moved, Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Student Government Association (SGA) President Chris Davis presented the final update on SGA initiatives for the 2020-2021 academic year. The SGA Executive Board members received Trauma Informed Care training and will assist with the promotion of this program across campus. SGA strengthened its efforts of inclusion with Radford University Carilion (RUC) students by hosting Meet Your Senator and Unity Fest events at RUC. Unity Fest was also held

on main campus with various events, such as an open mic night and an international cuisine meal. The Executive Board served as peer mentors for the Bridge Program students.

Mr. Davis reported that the Midterm Grade Resolution was passed by the Student Affairs Executive Council. SGA will continue to pursue the resolution adoption by Faculty Senate.

Mr. Davis also reported on cabinet and staff led SGA initiatives. Members assisted the Sustainability office to raise awareness of planting trees, energy efficiency and other go-green initiatives. Members wrote notes of encouragement and posted these across campus. SGA wrapped up the semester by hosting T-Shirt giveaways, social media challenges, school supply donation drive, and wellness awareness events during exams. SGA elections were held and Grace Hurst was elected the new SGA President. A copy of Mr. Davis' report is attached hereto as **Attachment A** and is made a part hereof.

Ms. Grace Hurst, SCHEV Student Representative, updated the Committee on the focus of the SCHEV Student Advisory Council this past year. The Council meetings were completely virtual but that allowed for more meetings, as students didn't have to travel to Richmond. The members organized into two committees: Policy and Advocacy and Campus Engagement. The Policy and Advocacy Committee focused on financial aid eligibility, expansion of the Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership and increasing vaccine awareness. The Campus Engagement Committee worked to raise awareness of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) on social media platforms, within student organizations on campuses and in parent networks. This Committee also established a peer mentorship and student health ambassador program – 50 in 5. The peer mentor on each campus implemented an engagement plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The SAC also assisted the Department of Social Services with distribution of materials on campuses to bring awareness to the SNAP eligibility expansion. A copy of the report is attached hereto as **Attachment B** and is made a part hereof.

Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser, Ed.D. provided the Division of Student Affairs report. Vice President Trageser provided details on the increased collaboration and partnership efforts across divisions. She added the Peters Hall Fitness Lab has opened for faculty and staff. The Highlander Food Pantry opened with assistance from Feeding America. All faculty, staff and students are eligible to receive resources from the pantry, as needed. Retention campaigns were held with assistance from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs departments. Vice President Trageser shared that 600 new freshmen achieved the Dean's List. Each student received a personal video message from the Deans and an achievement certificate. She continued by reporting that faculty and staff have volunteered 4500 hours to assist the VA Department of Health at the vaccination clinics held at the Dedmon Center.

Vice President Trageser reported that Student Counseling Services (SCS) and SAVES hosted many events this semester to raise awareness of suicide prevention, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and alcohol abuse. Trauma Informed Care training will be offered this summer for interested faculty and staff. SCS had six clinical interns this academic year. The interns helped SCS to meet the demand of services on campus while gaining valuable field experience.

Vice President Trageser reported that traditions programs were held for each class; Freshmen Field Day, Halfway There, Junior Twilight and Senior Signing Day. Spring Fling was also held at RUC. A \$4,000 Presidential Scholarship was presented at the Halfway There ceremony.

In closing, Vice President Trageser reported that the semester has wrapped up with many celebratory events, including the Multicultural Congratulatory Ceremony, Fraternity and Sorority Awards, Student Awards, and SGA Celebration and Officer Transition. A copy of the report is attached hereto as *Attachment C* and is made a part hereof.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. McMahon adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

# Student Government Association Update

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# Executive Board Updates

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- Chief Advisory Panel
- Student Finance Committee
- Trauma Informed Training
- Bridge Program
- SGA Workout Crew



# Senate Updates



- Inclusion with RUC
- DEI Action Plan - Letter of Support
- Midterm Grades Resolution



- Facilities Appreciation Day
- Constitution Revisions
- WDYWW

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# Cabinet and Staff Updates

- Positivity Pilot Project
- T-shirt Drive
- Wellness Week
- Sustainability Week
- Social Media Challenge
- School Supply/Toiletry Drive



# General Body Updates



- Bags2Benches Program
- Community Service Projects
- Social Media Growth and Outreach
- Unity Fest
- Consent Campaign
- Elections



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# Questions?

# SCHEV Student Representative

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# Introduction: Grace Hurst

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Student Advisory Committee of SCHEV



# Overview

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- Shift to online
- Members organized themselves into two subcommittees
  - Policy and Advocacy
  - Campus Engagement

# SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

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## Policy and Advocacy

- Financial Aid Eligibility - Support of HB 2123
- Expand VTOP (Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership)
- State-wide campaign to increase vaccine acceptance

# SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

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## Campus Engagement

- **Elevating Awareness**
  - Social Media Platforms
  - Student Organizations
  - Parent Networks
- **Initiatives**
  - Mental Health
  - Food Insecurity



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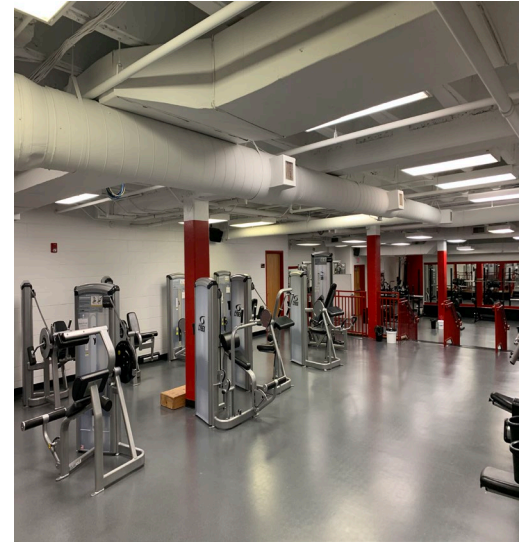
# Questions?

# Student Affairs Update

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# Collaboration and Partnership

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# Student Success and Engagement

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# Student Wellness



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Substance Abuse and  
Violence Education Support

HOOR 2 EMPOWER

**JOIN US TO  
#BETHECHANGE**

Fear 2 Freedom + Radford University

**MARCH 18, 2021  
4 PM - 5 PM  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE 101**

Make a difference & combat sexual violence on campus! Learn about the issue, know what to do, & take direct action to support survivors

**REGISTER ONLINE:**



**Help Us  
Stop  
Suicide**



SCAN ME

## Radford University Walk

Saturday, April 24th  
Sign up today for our virtual campus walk!  
Register at [afsp.org/radfordu](https://afsp.org/radfordu)



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# Achievement

## *Housing & Residential Life*

IS PROUD TO CONGRATULATE OUR MAIN CAMPUS  
RESIDENT ASSISTANTS FOR THEIR ACADEMIC  
SUCCESS DURING THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER!!

*4.0 gpa*

FALL 2020

Gladys Addo  
Samantha Boehmer  
Natalia Carlton  
Austin Jones  
Maddie Lyle  
Joseph Mayes  
John Ouimette  
Heavon Ratcliff-Jones  
Nalani Story  
Luc White  
Karisma Woods



*3.5-3.9 gpa*

FALL 2020

Michaela Baker  
Arjunahlisa Best-Shoda  
Oak Bradshaw  
Montasia Braxton  
Nay-Quan Bryan  
Jackson Clayton  
Nicholas Francis  
Jessy Gahafer  
Lexi Ganser  
Morgan Gray  
Demario Harris  
Mackenzie Hines  
Paige Hopkins  
Anisa Hughes  
Grace Hurst  
Brooke Johnson  
Aleta Luther

Joseph Majewicz  
Courtney Martin  
Harold Martin  
Ashley Mahler  
Ashley Nesmith  
Mbaida Nying  
Derek Owen  
Roderick Owen  
Raymond Radford  
Dean Rocco  
Mariah Rock  
Jai Stanley  
Noah Staples  
Isabella Stinson  
Monica Tobaldo  
Gavin Walling



# Celebrations

## Classes of 2020 and 2021 Virtual Multicultural Congratulatory



Kente Stole



Diversity Stole



LGBTQ+ Stole



Hispanic-Latinx Stole



Native American Stole

# Traditions Week





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# Discussion

# End of Board of Visitors Materials

