

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

KYLE HALL, ROOM 340, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. David Smith, Chair
Dr. Jay Brown
Ms. Joann Craig
Mr. Tyler Lester
Mr. Troy Stallard (Non-Voting Student Advisory Member)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, President
Dr. Robert Hoover, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Dr. Angela Joyner, Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education
Dr. Bethany Usher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Penny White, Interim Vice President for University Advancement

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. David Smith, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. in Kyle Hall on the campus of Radford University.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the September 7, 2023 meeting agenda for the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, as published. Dr. Jay Brown so moved, Mr. Tyler Lester seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the June 8, 2023 minutes. Dr. Brown so moved, Mr. Lester seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics, presented the Athletics update to the committee. Men's basketball participated in the World University Basketball series in Tokyo, Japan. The student-athlete NIL (Name, Image and Likeness) business registry, Highlander Exchange, is now

active. All coaches and athletic staff members participated in the Mental Health First Aid training through the New River Valley Community Services. Collegiate Sports Associates have been secured to assist in the development of a new strategic plan for athletics.

National Bank is now the sponsor of the Courtside Lounge at the basketball games. Several events will be held to highlight athletics such as Highlander Fan Fest, Hall of Fame Banquet and the Red and White Gala.

Ms. Lora Ellen Starr, Student Government Association President, provided an overview of the goals and focus of SGA this year which centers around greater visibility of SGA across campus and getting more students involved. This started by hosting a tailgate prior to the women's soccer season opener. SGA plans to host two events per month with focus on community involvement, resume building, and financial management and life skills. SGA Senate will once again hold What Do You Want Wednesdays to gain student feedback, input and concerns. The number of recycling bins will be increased across campus. SGA has started a newsletter to all students that will be sent bi-weekly.

Ms. Nancy Loosle, Associate Vice President for Campus Life and Ms. Tricia Smith, Associate Vice President Student Life, shared information about the characteristics and preferences of current students as the iGen generation. Student Affairs has taken this information and used it across the division to create programming, experiences, distinct opportunities for engagement and support services. They also presented ways higher education continues to evolve to meet the needs of the incoming generation.

Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs, shared progress, achievements and accolades in Student Affairs areas and how those accomplishments support the engagement and persistence of our students. The Military Resource Center (MRC) now has a location on the Roanoke campus. MRC has increased the number of student employees in the Center. The distinction of Military Friendly School Silver Designation was renewed. For the first time, Radford University has been recognized as a Military Friendly Spouse school. The First-Gen Center was accepted into First Scholars Network. This Network offers a national model for scaling holistic first-generation student success by engaging and empowering institutions of higher education to radically transform the first-generation student experience, advance academic and co-curricular outcome and build more inclusive institutional structures. In its second year being offered, the Higher Ground Outdoor Orientation Program is a five-day intensive orientation program designed to break down barriers and help dissipate the anxiety of students entering college for the first time. The groups are led by other students. Esports has seen significant growth over the last two years. There is now an Esports minor being offered through the Parks, Recreation and Tourism department. Over 1200 students visited the Esports center last year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Jenni Webb
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs

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