# Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

March 2024





#### Student Affairs and Athletics Committee 4:30 p.m.\*\* March 21, 2024 Roanoke Higher Education Center, Roanoke, VA

#### **DRAFT** Agenda

• Call to Order Mr. David Smith, Chair

• Approval of Agenda Mr. David Smith, Chair

• Approval of Minutes Mr. David Smith, Chair

o November 30, 2023

• Student Government Association Report Ms. Lora Ellen Starr, Student

Government Association President

• SCHEV Update Ms. Gifty Kwofie and Ms. Abby Ridpath

Student Representatives to SCHEV

• Student Affairs Report Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President

o Two-Year Goals Update for Student Affairs

Intercollegiate Athletics Report
 Dr. Robert Lineburg,

Director of Athletics

• Other Business Mr. David Smith, Chair

• Adjournment Mr. David Smith, Chair

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

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. David A. Smith, Chair

Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham, Vice Chair

Dr. Jay Brown

Ms. Joann S. Craig

Mr. Tyler Lester

Mr. Troy Stallard (Non-voting Student Advisory Member)

## Meeting Materials



## Student Government Association



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#### Executive Board



Club Fair Exec Elections Spring Retreat Unity Fest Events Planning Committee

- Basketball Tailgate
- Scavenger Hunt



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#### Senate

- Talk about it Thursday
- April Awareness Campaign





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#### Cabinet and Staff

- Radford Christmas Parade
- Valentines Day Event
- R U Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader
- Highlanders Vote Block Party
- Pride Event
- Sustainability/Earth Week
- Legislate and Connect
  - Networking Event





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Advocacy Day 2024









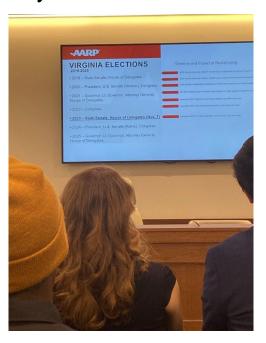


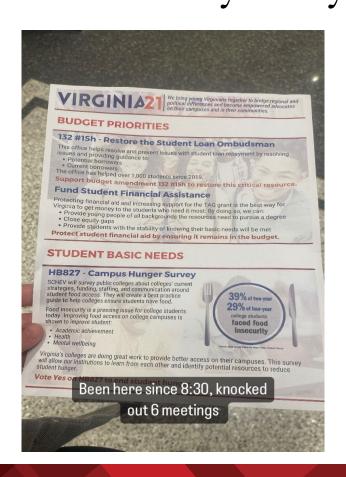
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# Virginia21 Student Advocacy Summit and Lobby Day

- Secretary of Legislative Affairs
- February 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Richmond







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## Unity Fest 2024

- April 13: Noon-3 p.m.
- On the Lawns Surrounding Fountain
  - Rain Location: SRWC Courts

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# Discussion

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# Student SCHEV Representatives



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#### Introduction

Gifty Kwofie - Senior, Recreation Therapy Major

- The Lady RUs VP, DAP Secretary, S2S Social Media Chair
- Subcommittees: Mental Health

**Abigail Ridpath** - Senior, English Major, Minor Creative Writing

- R-SPaCE President, Vice President of ODK, Judicial Board of NeW, Young Life Leader
- Subcommittees: College Affordability, School Safety





#### Mental Health

- Virtual discussions
- Virginia Health Care Foundation awarded Higher Ed Mental Health Workforce Pilot grants
- Meeting with Director of Student Counseling Services and SAVES

#### IDEAS:

- Scan of programs at VA's colleges and universities what is working and where there is still need. What could be 'scaled' across multiple campuses?
- Use the voice of SCHEV Student Advisory Council members to increase awareness of mental health resources on campus.

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## College Affordability

#### FOCUS:

- Attend all Virginia colleges at an affordable price
- Communication
- FAFSA changes
  - Upperclassmen/Continuing students
  - Incoming students

#### IDEAS:

- Emergency fund to provide tuition assistance
  Local alumni businesses offer student discounts
- Grants & Resource awareness VA Guaranteed Assistance Program, Two-Year College Transfer Grant, etc.
- Research conference network

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### School Safety

- December meeting
- Campus approaches across the Commonwealth
  - o Active shooter training
  - Mental health
  - o Parking

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# Student Employment Initiative



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#### The Goals

Engage student employees to increase their retention	competency	Analysis of the pre and post test and the amount of change documented		Student employees will demonstrate NACE competency increases from pre- to post-assessment
	profiles, retention, and progression of student employees		training & Fall 2023 GPA data	Undergraduate student employees will a higher cumulative GPA of 0.2 than the overall undergraduate GPA and be retained/progress at a rate of 5% higher.

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## Supervisor Preparedness

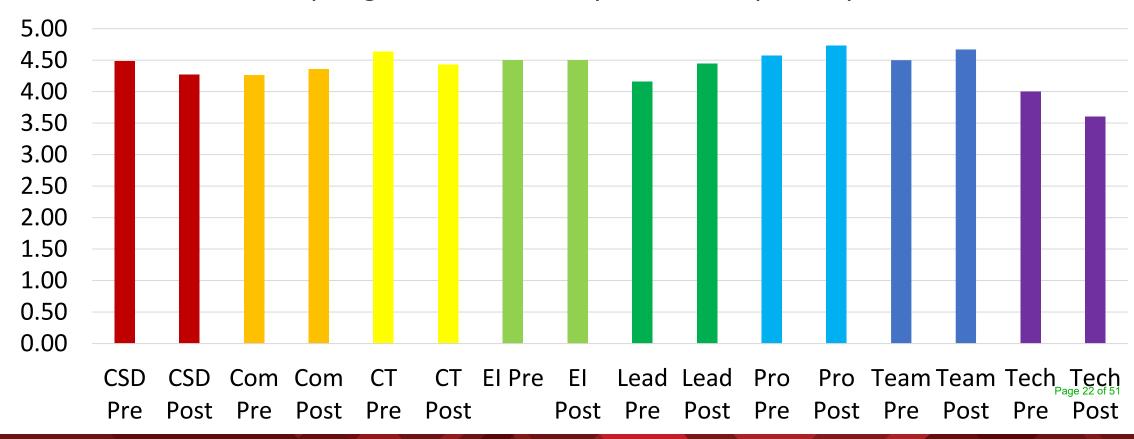
- Supervisor Trainings
- Ongoing Support
   Check-Ins
   Online Resource Bank
- Surveys/Feedback Loops

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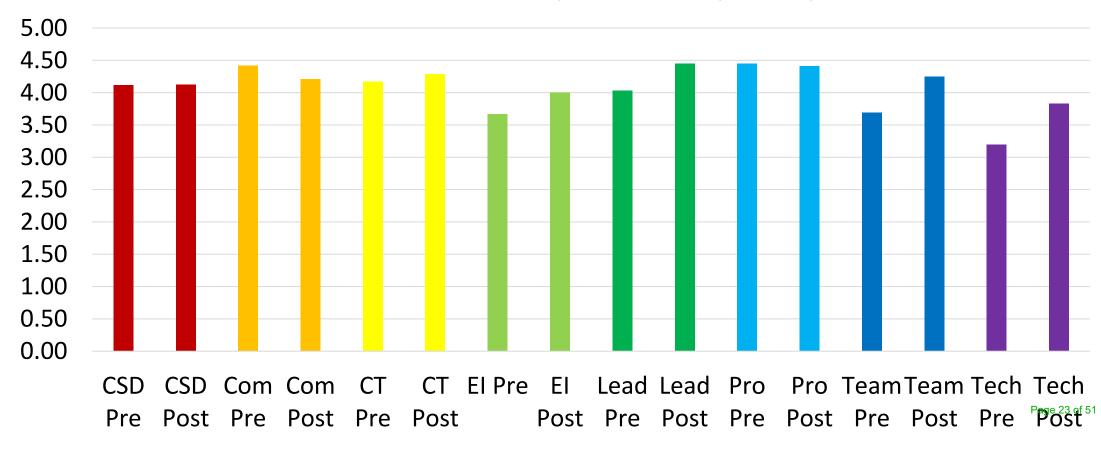
## Spring 2023 Baseline Data

Spring 2023 Pre/Post by Focus Competency



#### Fall 2023 Data

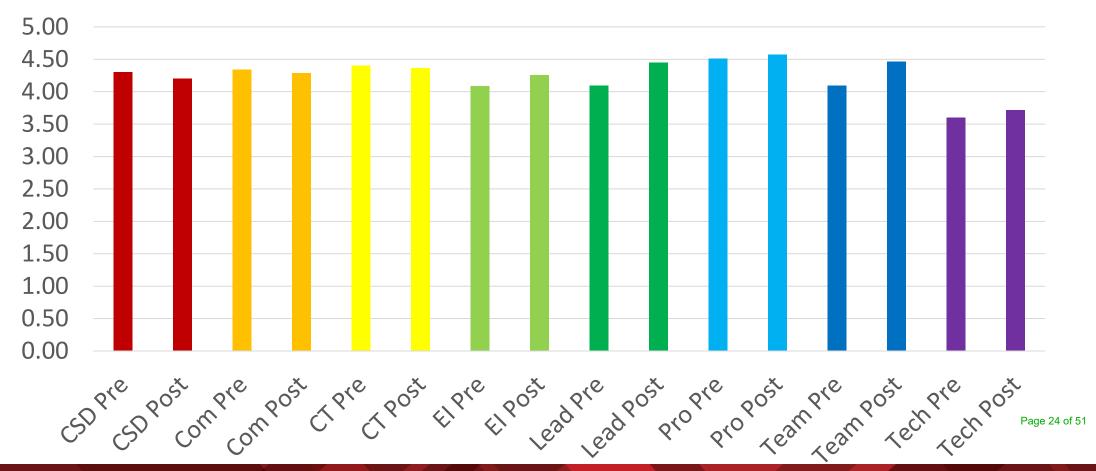
#### Fall 2023 Pre/Post by Focus Competency





## Competency Pre/Post

2023 Averages



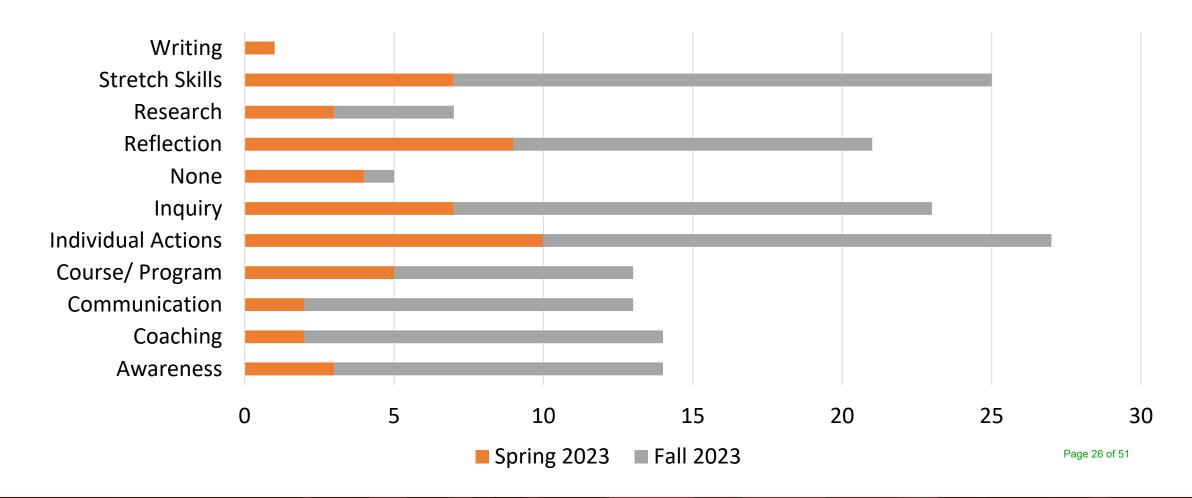


## Competency Focus



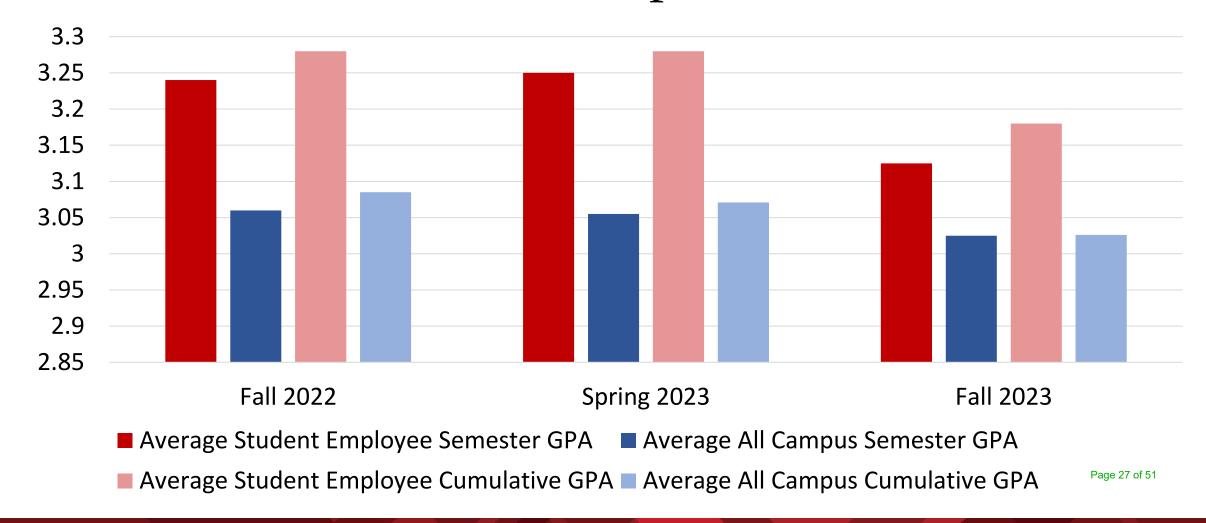


## Learning Actions





### GPA Comparison





## Retention Comparison

Term	Student Employee Retention	All UG Student Retention	Difference
Spring 2023	93.0%	87.5%	5.6%
Fall 2023	96.7%	90.1%	6.6%

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# Discussion

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## Intercollegiate Athletics



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#### Agenda

- Academic Success
- Student-Athlete Experience
- NCAA College Landscape
- Competitive Excellence
- Brand Awareness Athletics
- Athletics Financial Report
- Resource Development
- NIL Athlete's Thread
- Important Dates & Initiatives

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#### **Academic Success**

#### Fall 2023 Academic Success

- Overall department term GPA was a 3.49
- 84% of all student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or higher
- 67% of our student-athletes earned a 3.4 GPA or higher
- 25% of our student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA
- 15 out of our 16 athletic programs received a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Softball had the highest team GPA of 3.81 with 11 out of the 23 softball student-athletes earning a perfect 4.0 GPA

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#### **Student-Athlete Experience**



Meredith Page testifies on Name, Image and Likeness before Congressional Committee

Meredith Page, a member of the women's volleyball team, testified before members of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., during the "NIL Playbook: Proposal to Protect Student Athletes' Dealmaking Rights" hearing of the House Innovation, Data and Commerce Subcommittee on Jan. 18, 2024.

The native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and third-year member of the Highlanders joined two other student-athletes – UCLA football quarterback Chase Griffin and Michigan softball catcher Keke Tholl – as well as NCAA President Charlie Baker, Missouri Valley Conference Commissioner Jeff Jackson and Victoria Jackson of Arizona State University in testimony on Capitol Hill.

Amid a growing push to professionalize college sports, Page used her time before Congress to send a message – the opportunities afforded to athletes who participate at the midmajor level, and in Olympic or women's sports, must be protected.

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#### NCAA College Landscape

- Dartmouth Men's Basketball breaking ground as the first group of student-athletes to form a bargaining unit in the country.
- House v. NCAA an antitrust lawsuit brought on by three former NCAA Division I student-athletes regarding Name, Image & Likeness.
- **Johnson v. NCAA** lawsuit argues that student-athletes should be considered employees subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
- Carter vs. NCAA argues that amateurism rules are illegal under antitrust law and, therefore, college athletes should be paid.

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#### **Competitive Excellence**

#### Women's Track & Field Indoor Championship

- Radford finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 2024 Big South Conference Indoor Championship
- Chloe Wellings 1st place finish in the 5000M
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- McLearen/Jackson/Magson/Gilmore 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the Distance Medley Relay
- Meganne Gilmore 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Mile
- Raichelle Cornelius 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 400M Dash
- Elyssia Fisher 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Long Jump
- Jackson/Fisher/Robinson/Cornelius 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 4x400 Relay
- Kandance McIvor was named to the Big South All-Academic Team









#### **Competitive Excellence**

Men's Basketball (16-17 overall / 5-11 conference)

- 10-5 in a tough non-conference schedule
- Non-conference wins over Marshall and West Virginia
- #9 seed in the Big South Tournament
- DaQuan Smith named Second-Team All-Conference

Women's Basketball (15-18 overall / 9-7 conference)

- Education Day Game vs. ETSU over 2,700 elementary and middle school kids in attendance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place regular season finish
- Big South Women's Basketball runner-up
- Ashlyn Traylor-Walker named First Team All-Conference
- Joi Williams & Terissa Lavoile-Brice named to the Big South All-Freshman Team
- Ashlyn & Joi named to the Big South All-Tournament Team





### **Brand Awareness - Athletic Department**



#### **OVER 17 BILLION IMPRESSIONS**

NCAA Basketball Tournament over March 1 - 19, 2018

IMPRESSIONS 16,810,265,258

**\$31,603,298**MEDIA VALUE

**ONLINE NEWS** 

IMPRESSIONS **227,754,479** 

**\$10,920,673**MEDIA VALUE

**TELEVISION** 

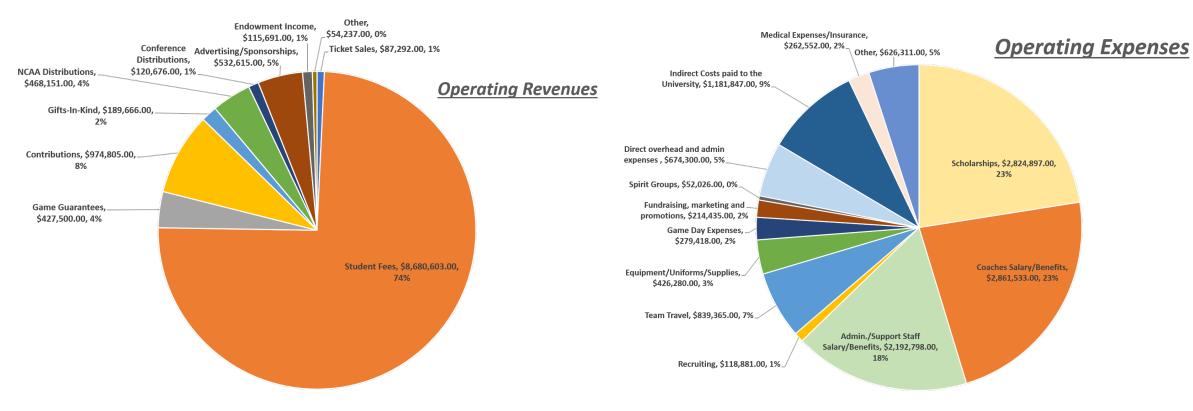
IMPRESSIONS **207,447,737** 

**\$390,001**MEDIA VALUE

**BLOGS** 

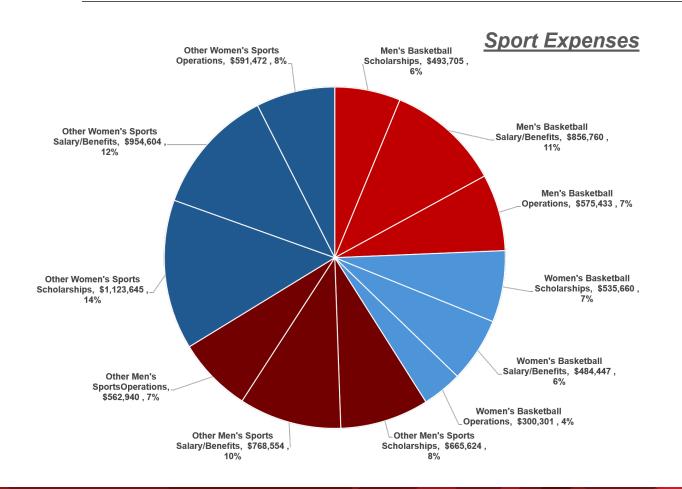
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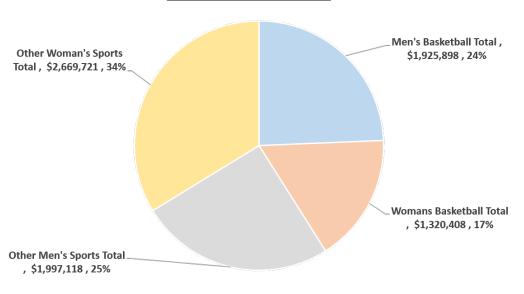








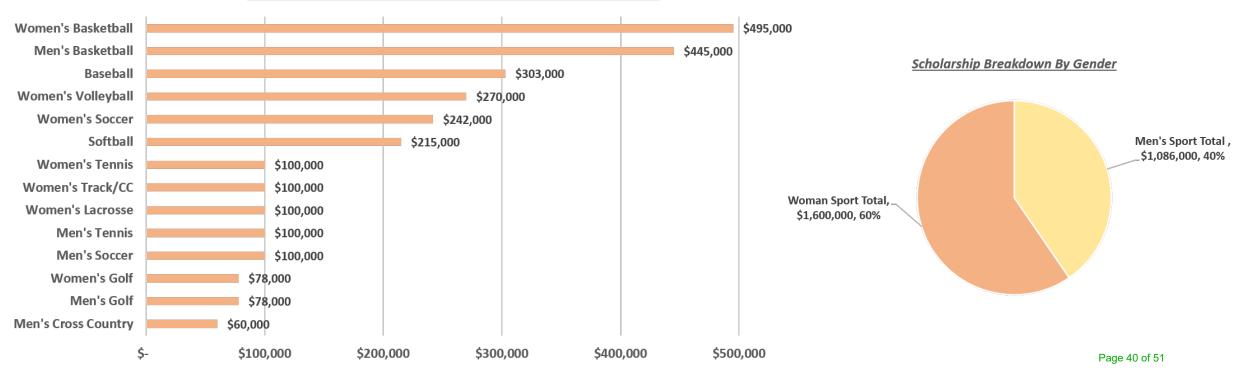
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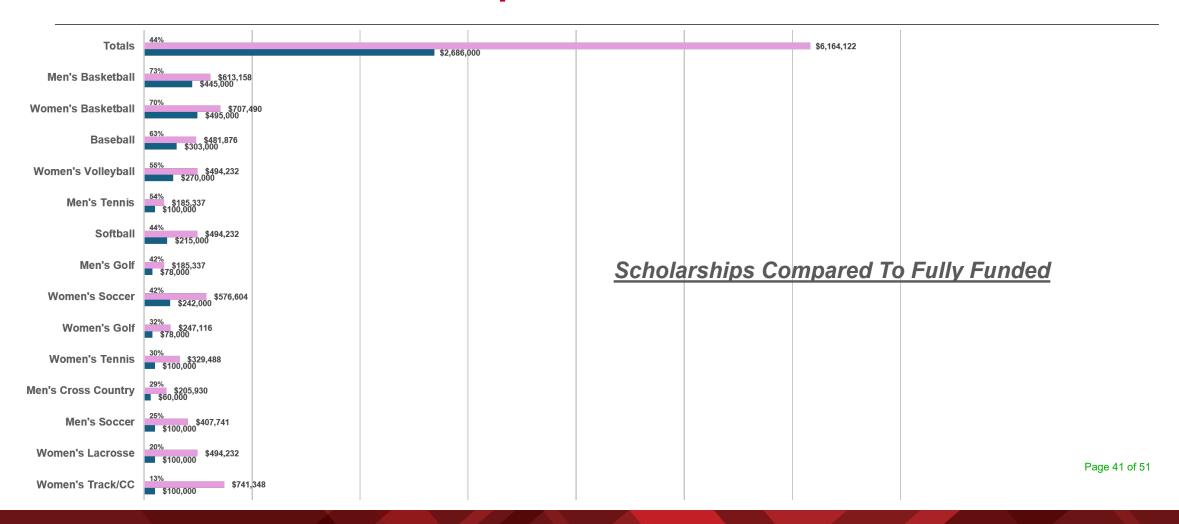


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### **Scholarships Amount By Sport**







### **Radford University Athletics Department**

Student Fee Revenue 2013-14 to 2023-24

	Athletics		Student Fee	Fee	%
Academic Year	Fee		Revenue	Increase	Increase Notes
2013-14	\$1,150		\$11,216,894	\$12	1.05%
2014-15	\$1,150		\$11,080,949	\$0	0.00%
2015-16	\$1,180		\$11,272,304	\$30	2.61%
2016-17	\$1,180		\$10,852,666	\$0	0.00%
2017-18	\$1,180		\$10,395,373	\$0	0.00%
2018-19	\$1,213		\$10,104,117	\$33	2.80%
2019-20	\$1,213		\$9,533,022	\$0	0.00%
2020-21	\$1,269		\$8,589,656	\$56	4.62% Highlander Distinction scholarship program
2021-22	\$1,299		\$9,527,511	\$30	2.36% Highlander Distinction scholarship program
2022-23	\$1,398		\$9,467,582	\$99	7.62%5% salary increases & bonuses
2023-24	\$1,502	*	\$ 9,539,044	\$104	7.44%5% and 2% salary increases
		*	Estimate		
			(\$1,749,312)	\$364	-15.60% Revenue decrease from 2013-14 to 2022-23

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### Resource Development

### Radford Sports Properties Revenue Update (3/1/2024):

Overall Revenue: \$428,900

Signed Cash
 Signed Trade
 Signed Highlander Club Cash
 \$223,250
 \$143,150
 \$62,500

Overall Percentage to Budget: 113% (\$375,000)
 Cash Revenue Target: 106% (\$265,000)
 Trade Revenue Target: 130% (\$110,000)

2023-24 Items of Note:

New Accounts: Pete Dye Rivercourse, Brick House Pizza, Shentel

### 2023-24 Fund Drive Update (3/1/2024):

	FY24	FY24 GOALS
Total New Gifts & Pledges	\$501,109	\$1,500,000
Athletic Donors	1,106	1,150

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### Resource Development

#### **RAD48**

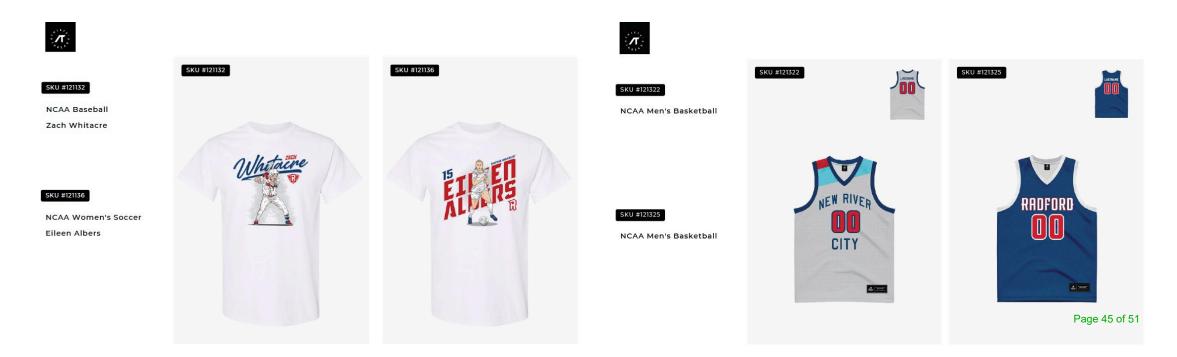
- RAD48 Total \$154,939
- Dollars Raised w/o Matching Gifts \$140,439 (4% increase over last year)
- 894 Unique Donors (12.7% increase over last year)
- Highlights:
  - Baseball Raised \$40,939 with 203 donors
  - Women's Lacrosse Raised \$18,290 with 165 donors
  - Men's Soccer Raised \$11,379 with 103 donors



### NIL - Athlete's Thread

#### Student-Athlete Online Store – Athlete's Thread

• Starting this Spring, our student-athletes will now have the option to sell replica jerseys, sherseys, or personalize t-shirts that include their Name, Image or Likeness and receive profits from the sales.



### Important Dates & Initiatives

- Red & White Gala April 26, 2024 (Dedmon Center)
- Highlander Open May 23, 2024 (Pete Dye Rivercourse)



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# Discussion

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## Minutes





#### Student Affairs and Athletics Committee 3:00 p.m. November 30, 2023 Kyle Hall, Room 340, Radford, VA

### **DRAFT**MINUTES

#### **Committee Members Present**

Mr. David Smith, Chair

Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham, Vice Chair

Ms. Joann Craig

Mr. Tyler Lester

Mr. Troy Stallard (Non-Voting Student Advisory Member)

#### **Committee Member Absent**

Dr. Jay Brown

#### **Others Present**

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, President

Dr. Dannette Gomez Beane, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Communications

Dr. Robert Hoover, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Dr. Angela Joyner, Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education

Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Bethany Usher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ms. Penny White, Vice President for University Advancement

Ms. Karen Casteele, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President

Ms. Susan Richardson, University Counsel

#### Call to Order

Mr. David Smith, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm in Kyle Hall on the campus of Radford University.

#### Approval of Agenda

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the November 30, 2023 meeting agenda for the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, as published. Mr. Tyler Lester so moved, Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the September 7, 2023 minutes. Ms. Joann Craig so moved, Mr. Lester seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Reports

Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics, presented the Athletics update to the committee. Several athletic teams had outstanding seasons this fall. Women's soccer claimed their 9<sup>th</sup> Big South Tournament title. Men's basketball has had a strong start this season playing UNC on ESPNU. Radford Athletics has expanded its men's basketball radio footprint to include Roanoke, Lynchburg, Bedford and Danville. Through a collaboration with Radford City, Nike and Radford University Athletics, men's basketball launched the new Radford City edition basketball jersey at the December 3 game. Men's and women's basketball has seen a large increase in ticket sales. Member access to the The National Bank Courtside Lounge has sold out.

Mr. Craig Littlepage, Senior Consultant with Collegiate Sports Associates, which is the company secured to assist with the development of the new athletic strategic plan, gave an update on the state of college athletics and a timeline for the completion of the strategic plan.

Ms. Lora Ellen Starr, Student Government Association President, reported on the continued work of SGA to promote awareness and encourage involvement in programming across campus. The Executive Board attended the American Student Government Association Conference in October. SGA held several events during fall semester including an e-Sports Mario Kart tournament, Trunk or Treat for community members, and FallFest. A Life Skills Matter session was held that focused on assisting students with resume writing. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, the SGA office was named after former SGA President Kenneth Henshaw in a ceremony held during Homecoming.

**Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs,** talked about the importance of creativity and an explorer mindset; catalyzing learning, innovation and problem solving to enhance the student experience. By creating opportunities, staff continue to advance skill development which in turn fosters the same for and with students. Building resiliency, critical thinking and problem solving are examples of common skill development outcomes. Seventy-six percent of new students and 49% of new transfers have had three or more touchpoints through engagement opportunities. The Military Resource Center (MRC) continues to earn accolades related to the service and support to veteran and military-affiliated students. Radford University's first Guard Friendly School designation was received in August. Also, The Military Times once again awarded the Best for Vets Designation for Colleges and Universities.

Vice President Trageser spoke to the Division's strategies to advance President Danilowicz' vision for the University and achievement of goals in the Two-Year Strategic Plan; highlighting a change in metrics and the importance of data to demonstrate impact.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jenni Webb

Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs

### End of Board of Visitors Materials

