

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

## STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3:00 P.M.

MAY 9, 2019

MARY ANN JENNINGS HOVIS MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM  
THIRD FLOOR, MARTIN HALL, RADFORD, VA

### **DRAFT** **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Chair

Ms. Karyn K. Moran, Vice Chair

Dr. Thomas Brewster

Dr. Jay A. Brown

Ms. Myriah Brooks, Student Representative (Non-voting Advisory Member)

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT**

Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Mark S. Lawrence, Rector

Mr. Robert A. Archer, Vice-Rector

Ms. Krisha Chachra

Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes

Mr. James R. Kibler

Mr. Randy J. Marcus

Ms. Nancy A. Rice

Ms. Georgia Ann Snyder-Falkinham

Dr. Jake Fox, Faculty Representative (Non-voting Advisory Member)

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

President Brian Hemphill

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

Dr. Kenna M. Colley, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. Danny M. Kemp, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

Ms. Wendy Lowery, Vice President for University Advancement

Ms. Kitty McCarthy, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Mr. Chad A. Reed, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Ashley Schumaker, Chief of Staff and Vice President for University Relations

Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. Allen Wilson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia

Other Radford University faculty and staff

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Chair, formally called the Student Success Committee meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. in the Mary Ann Jennings Hovis Memorial Board Room in Martin Hall.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the May 9, 2019 meeting agenda, as published. Dr. Jay A. Brown so moved, Dr. Thomas Brewster seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting of the Student Success Committee, as published. Dr. Brewster so moved, Ms. Karyn K. Moran seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA (SCHEV) UPDATE**

SCHEV Student Representative Cody Hartley, who served as co-chair for the 2018-2019 academic year, updated the Committee on the SCHEV Student Advisory Council's focus during the past year, which included four-year institutions providing more support, incentive programs and resources for transfer and under-represented students. The Student Advisory Council also made several recommendations to SCHEV regarding campus safety, including ensuring effective education across all universities and testing of campus alert systems. He expressed that serving on the Student Advisory Council has been a rewarding the experience and provided opportunities for valuable networking. A copy of the report is attached hereto as ***Attachment A*** and is made a part hereof.

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) REPORT**

SGA President Julianna Stanley gave her final report to the Committee which outlined the initiatives completed by SGA during the semester, including legislation passed addressing sustainability and the creation of an international student donation program allowing students to leave items such as small appliances, electronics and bathroom supplies for new incoming international students. SGA purchased and dedicated a plaque in memory of State Trooper Lucas Dowell, an alumnus who was killed in the line of duty. The SGA also hosted a reception for his family after the dedication in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Building.

The SGA hosted open forums for all students to voice concerns and plans were made to address identified issues in Fall 2019. The SGA was able to collect enough plastic bags through the Bags to Benches program to purchase a bench made from the recycled plastics and it was placed at the transit stop near the Bonnie Hurlburt Student Center. Colleen McNickle was elected as the SGA President for the 2019-2020 academic year. A copy of the report is attached hereto as ***Attachment B*** and is made a part hereof. Following Ms. Stanley's report, Dr. McMahon presented her with a diploma frame and photo in recognition of her two years as SGA President and work with the Student Success Committee.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT**

Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser, Ph.D. shared with the Committee an update on the recent activities within the Division of Student Affairs. She began her report by discussing the new group therapy sessions that the Student Counseling Center has begun offering which allows students to strengthen their communication and socialization skills with other students having the

same struggles. A Recovery Lounge was opened in continued support of the creation of a Collegiate Recovery Community, which provides a calm, safe environment for students in recovery to study, be with their peers and socialize. The first *INclusion Week* was held this spring with panel discussions and other activities. The activities demonstrated the shift to focus on abilities and accessibilities versus disabilities.

Vice President Trageser continued by stating that the Laptop Loaner program, through the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, will be offering 100 laptops beginning in the fall semester in comparison to 30 laptops offered this academic year with a 50-student waiting list. The Office of Student Success and Retention created a “Path Back to Radford” process for students who withdraw mid-semester and gives the students the information and actions needed to be able to re-enroll. Vice President Trageser also reported on the educational priority focus that the Office of Housing and Residence Life will implement in Fall 2019 with four learning goals identified: Resiliency, Academic Readiness, Healthy Relationships and Radford Community. This new priority is for students to develop the academic and personal skills necessary to succeed at Radford University. Several affinity building and retention initiatives were also held this semester, including signature events for the sophomore, junior and senior classes. The Halfway There Celebration was held for the second year and included the presentation of a \$4,000 Presidential Scholarship to one sophomore. New events held were the Junior Twilight: It’s Your Time and Senior Signing Day. 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 asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Brown so moved, Ms. Moran seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia  
**Student Representative**

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# Introduction: Cody Hartley

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Co-Chair-Student Advisory Committee of SCHEV



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# Membership



Christopher Newport University  
College of William and Mary  
Dabney Lancaster Community College  
ECPI University  
George Mason University  
James Madison University

John Tyler Community College  
Longwood University  
Norfolk State University  
Old Dominion University  
Radford University  
Richard Bland College  
Southwest VA Community College  
University of Virginia at Wise

University of Mary Washington  
University of Richmond  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Tech  
Virginia Western Community College

# SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

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## Transfer Students

- Consider working with state to create an incentive program related to transfer credit acceptance
- Continue to support and encourage investment towards the Transfer Virginia initiative
- Provide easily accessible college information to students earlier in the process

# SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

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## Support Services for Under-Represented Students

- Collect more data for a better understanding of under-represented populations
- Distribute climate surveys on each campus to determine specialized needs of their students
- Ensure ADA Compliance and improve accessibility services



# SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

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## Campus Safety

- State-wide campus safety/active shooter training video for all universities to be required during Freshman and Transfer orientations
- Training and testing of campus alert systems
- Information sharing between universities and law enforcement

# Discussion

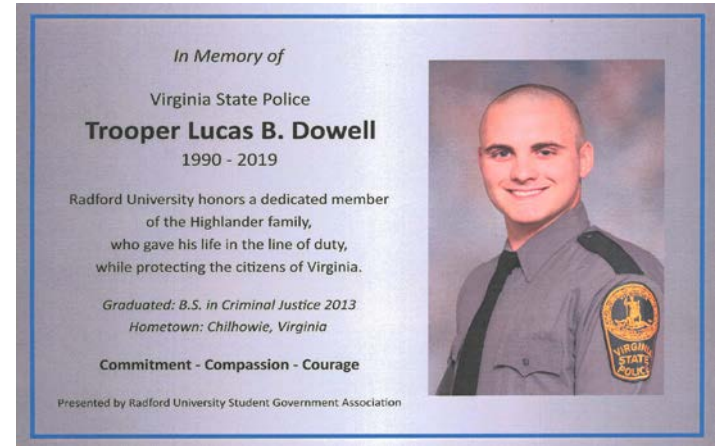
# Student Government Association

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# SGA Senate

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- International Student Donation Program
- Trooper Dowell Ceremony
- Human Auctioning Committee
- What Do You Want Wednesday
- Student Appreciation Days



# Cabinet and Staff

- Student Forums
- Virginia 21 Award
- Earth Week
- Bags to Benches



# Additional Updates

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- Funding for the Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences Conference
- Ring Ceremony
- Beat the Blame Game
- Student Finance Committee Budget
- Unity Fest



# Discussion

# Student Affairs Update

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# Student Counseling Services and SAVES

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- Group Sessions Added
  - Benefits of Group Sessions
  - Types of Groups
  - Group plans for the Fall
  - Recovery Lounge



# Center for Accessibility (CAS)

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## *First INclusion Week on Campus*



# Center for Diversity and Inclusion

90 registered participants for 2019 Multicultural Congratulatory Ceremony



Kente Stole



Diversity Stole



LGBTQ+ Stole



Hispanic-Latinx Stole



Native American Stole



Campus Climate Survey completed, next steps

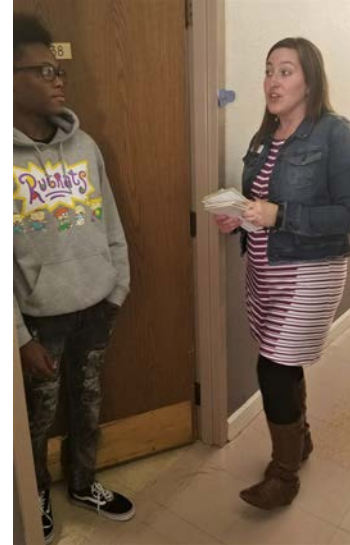
# Student Success and Retention



- Recruited 22 Fall 2018 withdraw students to re-enroll for Spring 2019 semester

## Spring 2019 "You Matter" Campaign

- Emphasized Mid-Term Grades and Advising for Fall 2019
- Spoke with more than 700 students
- 80% had advising appointments
- Largest participation ever by faculty and staff



# Housing and Residential Life

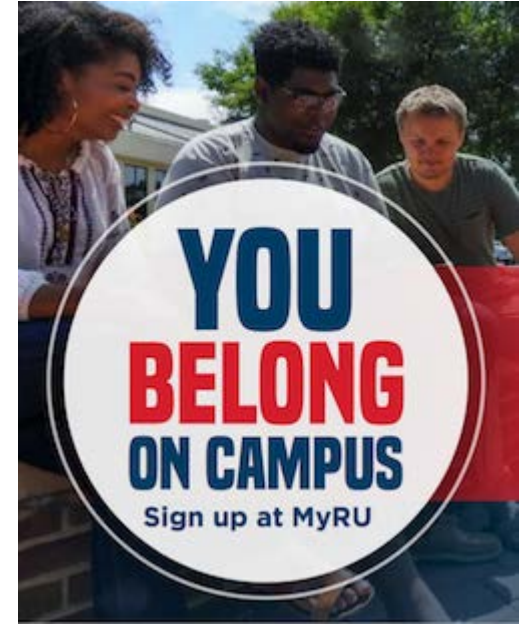
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## Residential Curriculum Revision and Realignment

Educational priority focus is on success at Radford

New Learning Goals are:

- Resiliency
- Academic Readiness
- Healthy Relationships
- Radford Community





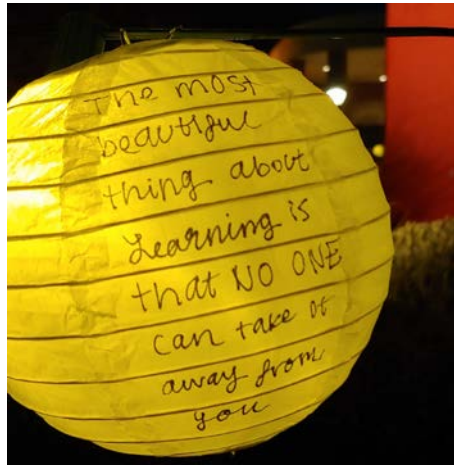
# Creating Traditions



Halfway There  
Celebration



# Creating Traditions



Junior  
Twilight:  
It's Your Time



# Creating Traditions



## Senior Signing Day



# Discussion

End of Board of Visitors Materials

