

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY

College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences

CHBS Advisory Board

Fall 2021 Meeting - Minutes - 10/1/2021

## **Call to Order for Full Board Meeting:**

Board Chair Jim Egbert called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

## **Old Business:**

- a. Approval of Spring 2021 Meeting Minutes - **Approved**
- b. Check out the Board's promotional video! Features students and Dr. Smith - also produced by our very own Scott Light!

## **University Reports:**

- a. (Dr. Matthew J. Smith, Dean)
  - **STARS:** 13 students were able to attend the Model U.N. conference which took place in Atlanta due to CHBS' contributions.
  - 15 June 2021 was the commemoration of the CHBS building to become Hemphill Hall - this was a wonderful event commemorating his accomplishments!
  - New plaques and other decor being installed to celebrate and preserve the history of Lucas Hall, along with other pertinent Radford University history.
  - **WVRU:** Noteworthy to acknowledge the new base of operations and studio in Hemphill Hall.
  - **Enrollment:** Currently flat, certainly a difficult year for recruiting, working with Office of Admissions to develop a robust recruitment strategy for the Class of 2026.
  - **Faculty:** Hopeful to continue to bring on new faculty in the coming year, will be working with budget to lay out options.
  - **Requests from Dr. Smith:**
    - If you can, find a faculty member to forge a one-on-one relationship with. Lisa Throckmorton, John Sheehan, and Cynthia Price have all had good experiences doing this.
    - Make sure to like the CHBS page on Facebook!
- b. Update on Advancement (Dr. Carter Turner, Associate Director of Advancement)
  - Very proud of where the board is!
  - Updated on fundraising and scholarships:
    - Last year was a great year! \$16M in fundraising, for which a majority went to scholarships.
  - Newly Launched Scholarships:

- LGBTQ Scholarship
- Industrial & Organizational Psychology Scholarship
- Pre-Law: Transitioning the Pre-Law Society to the Radford Law Society.
  - Goal is to provide opportunities for internships, jobs, and philanthropy.
  - College has brought an experienced lawyer to serve as a coach for mock trials.
- STARS Program: Doing good things - allows students to embrace conferences and other transformative experiences.
- CHBS Advisory Scholarship: \$2,649 raised as of now.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **a. Awards Committee**

- Arielle Redding selected as Outstanding Alumni (NPR employee).
- For the time-being, the committee has decided to continue with its traditional nomination process, however, it will get assistance from Laura Turk and Alumni Relations in widening the selection pool.
- Keep In Mind: Dr. Carter Turner a great resource for finding alumni!

#### **b. Board Membership Committee**

- Welcome to the new members!
  - Jane Elizabeth
  - Holly Stein
  - Dante Washington
- Nomination of new members - to be voted on in new business.
  - Ivan Thirion
  - Katelyn Dobbins
  - Karen Wheeler

#### **c. Fundraising Committee**

- Biggest project for the year was fundraising for the wall - \$7,500 in total.
- Committee looking to come up with new initiatives - stand by.

#### **d. Career Prep Committee**

- Members are currently serving as alumni ambassadors, looking for more to jump on board with this initiative.
- Request: Find ways to connect with students through their career interest - Lisa has done a good job of this and has found ways to connect with students via Zoom!

- Noteworthy: New evening class being offered teaching OSINT!

**e. Pre-Law Committee**

- No Report

**New Business**

- Nomination of new members - all nominations approved!
  - Ivan Thirion
  - Katelyn Dobbins
  - Karen Wheeler
- Chair Jim Egbert: College will continue to fundraise for student travel.
  - Dr. Smith noted that the college is currently \$1,000 short of the goal.
- Election of Board Officers
  - Chair: Scott Light
  - Vice Chair: Zach McCoy
  - Secretary: Jonna McGraw

**Adjournment**

