

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences

CHBS Advisory Board

Spring 2021 Meeting - Minutes - 02/19/2021

3 PM-3:25PM - REAL Curriculum - new vision of general education

Dr. Nicole Hendrix

2 foundational skills of writing and math skills

- Helps students academically
- Allows them to explore passions/interests
- Explore what it means to be a Highlander

3:30 PM-4 PM - How to operationalize with CHBS

- Breakout rooms took place among the various REAL groups.
- Various sharing from participants (Board members) in each breakout room.
- Questions posed after each breakout session:
 - How do we best market REAL?
 - Can we get printed materials to provide for parents and students?

Call to Order for Full Board Meeting:

Board Chair Jim Egbert called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Old Business:

- a. Approval of Fall 2021 Meeting Minutes - **Approved**
- b. Approval of 2/11/2021 Special Meeting Minutes - **Approved**

University Reports:

- a. Introduction of the New Provost & VP of Academic Affairs (Dr. Lyn Lepre)
 - Echoed her remarks of how proud she has been of CHBS and the university as a whole for its strength and tenacity in educating through the challenges of COVID-19.
 - Initiatives such as the REAL curriculum are what is going to continue to propel Radford University forward.
 - Wished the board well and offered her assistance going forward, both as Provost and Interim University President.
- b. Update on Advancement (Dr. Carter Turner, Associate Director of Advancement)
 - Very proud of where the board is - we are strong, active, and continually doing great things!
 - Updated on the Advisory Board Scholarship:
 - Created in 2015
 - Balance as of beginning of FY21 is \$69,070
 - Next academic year, the student recipient will receive \$2,650.
 - When they receive the scholarship, the student then writes a letter describing what it means to have received it.

c. Update on the College (Dr. Matthew J. Smith, Dean)

- Began by wishing the best to Dr. Brian Hemphill in his next journey to Old Dominion University!
 - No doubt that Dr. Lepre will continue the work that Dr. Hemphill begun in his time at Radford University.
 - Transformational leaders enact changes that go beyond their tenure, and Dr. Hemphill was that.

- Thank you to the board for your efforts on funding the STARS Initiative! CHBS made \$4,855 in fundraising for the initiative, and received \$500 bonus for starting the fund.

- Dean Smith will work with fundraising committee to continue to grow this effort, rolling out ideas on this over the course of the next few months.

- Echoed Dr. Lepre's comments on the faculty's work during the pandemic, faculty have been immense amount of care towards their students during these tough times.

- Asked what the Radford community should be looking for in the next president, Dean Smith said that unchecked growth of larger institutions within the Commonwealth is a key issue in which a dialogue will need to be held with the other university presidents.

- As for enrollment, the number of applicants for the fall semester is up and ahead of where we were this time last year. However, we are off from where we were five years ago. Challenges are real because a lot of students are not going to college right now, part of the enrollment cliff. Need to close-in on the game-changers such as the REAL program.

Committee Reports

a. **Awards, Sherry Fisher** - Monday, February 15th was the deadline for alumni nominations.

- Nominees are being vetted by the university, and once that is done they will be sent back to the committee for confirmation.
- There were no posthumous nominations.

b. **Board Membership, Curtis Martin** - Confirmed that we are allowed to have up to 50 board members, but noted that a number that high may not best serve the board's interests to have that many members.

- Currently 11 board members that have terms which are set to expire this coming June, and they have all decided that they would like to extend their terms:
 - Mike Ashely
 - Sherrie Austin
 - Rob Barrett
 - Pattie DeLoatche
 - Kathy Grimes
 - Jeff MacKinnon
 - Jonna McGraw
 - John Rainbolt
 - John Sheehan
 - Lisa Throckmorton
 - Denise White

- The board voted unanimously to extend the terms for all 11 of these board members who had terms which were set to expire this coming June.

- The following individuals have been nominated and approved to join the CHBS Advisory Board: **James Love, Jane Elizabeth, Chris King, James McGuire, Holly Stein, Dante Washington.**

c. Fundraising, Pattie DeLoatche - The fundraising committee has discussed the STARS Program and the possibility of adding more endowed scholarships. The committee will also be looking for a new chair, although Pattie will still remain on the committee.

- Jim Egbert: The social media push for donations should become a quarterly occurrence if possible. Dean Smith concurred on being open to the idea of doing this more frequently.

- Dr. Carter Turner: We will look to pursue the means necessary for easy access for social media donations.

- Lisa Throckmorton: Having a specific targeted program will further enhance the ability for donations.

d. Career Preparation - Last formal meeting was held on 11/20/2020 with guest speakers such as Dean Smith regarding the college's cyber crime course, as well as Dr. Page Tan for an update on the political science department, along with a briefing from Blake Gore on career week.

- We are now a part of the Alumni Admissions Ambassador program for the Class of 2025 should anyone like to participate!

e. **Pre-Law, Curtis Martin** - Dr. Yankle has formally taken over as the pre-law advisor. Curtis, Dr. Yankle, as well as Dr. Carter Turner were able to tag-up to put together a series of zoom interactions with the students to discuss various aspects of the law, securing internships, the law school applications process.

- March 18th, 2021 at 3 PM (tentative date) will feature a Zoom roundtable to discuss these items for prospective law school students, followed by another session in April.

V. Old Business - None

a. New Member Orientation Ideas:

- Jonna McGraw: In the past, before the full board meeting, there was a 30-minute orientation meeting for new board members, which might be good to re—initiate.
- Jake Crocker / Lisa Throckmorton / Pattie DeLoatche: It would be good long term to improve that engagement, responsibility of the board member who nominated someone to mentor those put onto a specific committee.
- MOTION - Dean Smith to send formal welcome letter to newly added members - **approved.**

Adjournment:

Meeting came to a close at 5:09 PM.