

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**2:45 P.M.\*\***

**JUNE 8, 2023**

**KYLE HALL, ROOM 340, RADFORD, VA**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. David Smith, Chair  
Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham, Vice Chair  
Mr. George Mendiola, Jr.  
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton  
Mr. James Turk

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT**

Ms. Michaela Baker, Non-Voting Student Advisory Member

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, President  
Ms. Karen Castele, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President  
Dr. Robert Hoover, Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Dr. Angela Joyner, Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education  
Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics  
Mr. Mike Melis, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Ms. Penny White, Interim Vice President for University Advancement

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. David Smith, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in Kyle Hall on the campus of Radford University.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the June 8, 2023 meeting agenda for the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, as published. Mr. James Turk so moved, Ms. Georgia Ann Snyder-Falkinham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the March 23, 2023 minutes. Mr. Turk so moved, Ms. Snyder-Falkinham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **REPORTS**

**Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics**, shared information on academic success, the student athlete experience and subcommittee updates. Mr. Lineburg showcased the academic excellence of the student athletes with a combined GPA the spring semester was 3.46. Radford University athletes had the best academic performance of all Big South schools, including 62 athletes that had a 4.0 spring semester GPA. The sports gear and athletic apparel partnership with BSN Sports and Nike has been renewed for another four years. Men's golf team member, Bryce Corbett, became the first Radford University golfer to win the Big South Individual Tournament, earning a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Mr. Lineburg also gave an update on external revenue streams as fundraising goals were met, with an increase in dollars and number of donors.

**Ms. Justine McLaughlin, Student Government Association President**, gave her final update on SGA initiatives and events. Unity Fest was well attended despite the rain call to move it inside the Dedmon Center. Ms. Lora Ellen Starr was elected as SGA President for the 2023-24 academic year.

**Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs**, gave an update on the Student Affairs goals. The division's Professional Development Plan has been updated and staff gatherings increased to provide a range of networking opportunities. A strengths assessment was also given to help staff discover their natural talents and how to use them effectively. Employee orientation will be developed to cultivate a sense of belonging and connection with new staff.

The Student Employment Initiative was launched in January 2023. Student employees took a pre-employment survey and chose a career competency to focus on during the duration of their employment with the division. Virtual engagement opportunities will be available to new freshmen after they attend Quest until the start of the fall semester.

Looking forward, Dr. Trageser updated the committee on the proposed 2023-25 goals centered around student engagement, assessment and removing barriers, student employment, broad scale well-being and staff improvement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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