

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

## STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2:30 P.M.

APRIL 22, 2021

ART MUSEUM

COVINGTON CENTER, RADFORD, VA

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Chair  
Mr. David A. Smith, Vice Rector  
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Rachel Fowlkes  
Ms. Karyn K. Moran  
Ms. Samantha Powell, Student Representative (Non-voting Advisory Member)

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bob Archer, Rector  
Mr. Mark Lawrence, Vice Rector

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Debra McMahon, Chair, formally called the meeting to order 3:18 p.m. in the Art Museum in the Covington Center.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the April 22, 2021 meeting agenda for the Student Success Committee, as published. Mr. Mark Lawrence so moved, Mr. David Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting of the Student Success Committee, as published. Mr. Lawrence so moved, Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

Student Government Association (SGA) President Chris Davis presented the final update on SGA initiatives for the 2020-2021 academic year. The SGA Executive Board members received Trauma Informed Care training and will assist with the promotion of this program across campus. SGA strengthened its efforts of inclusion with Radford University Carilion (RUC) students by hosting Meet Your Senator and Unity Fest events at RUC. Unity Fest was also held

on main campus with various events, such as an open mic night and an international cuisine meal. The Executive Board served as peer mentors for the Bridge Program students.

Mr. Davis reported that the Midterm Grade Resolution was passed by the Student Affairs Executive Council. SGA will continue to pursue the resolution adoption by Faculty Senate.

Mr. Davis also reported on cabinet and staff led SGA initiatives. Members assisted the Sustainability office to raise awareness of planting trees, energy efficiency and other go-green initiatives. Members wrote notes of encouragement and posted these across campus. SGA wrapped up the semester by hosting T-Shirt giveaways, social media challenges, school supply donation drive, and wellness awareness events during exams. SGA elections were held and Grace Hurst was elected the new SGA President. A copy of Mr. Davis' report is attached hereto as **Attachment A** and is made a part hereof.

Ms. Grace Hurst, SCHEV Student Representative, updated the Committee on the focus of the SCHEV Student Advisory Council this past year. The Council meetings were completely virtual but that allowed for more meetings, as students didn't have to travel to Richmond. The members organized into two committees: Policy and Advocacy and Campus Engagement. The Policy and Advocacy Committee focused on financial aid eligibility, expansion of the Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership and increasing vaccine awareness. The Campus Engagement Committee worked to raise awareness of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) on social media platforms, within student organizations on campuses and in parent networks. This Committee also established a peer mentorship and student health ambassador program – 50 in 5. The peer mentor on each campus implemented an engagement plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The SAC also assisted the Department of Social Services with distribution of materials on campuses to bring awareness to the SNAP eligibility expansion. A copy of the report is attached hereto as **Attachment B** and is made a part hereof.

Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser, Ed.D. provided the Division of Student Affairs report. Vice President Trageser provided details on the increased collaboration and partnership efforts across divisions. She added the Peters Hall Fitness Lab has opened for faculty and staff. The Highlander Food Pantry opened with assistance from Feeding America. All faculty, staff and students are eligible to receive resources from the pantry, as needed. Retention campaigns were held with assistance from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs departments. Vice President Trageser shared that 600 new freshmen achieved the Dean's List. Each student received a personal video message from the Deans and an achievement certificate. She continued by reporting that faculty and staff have volunteered 4500 hours to assist the VA Department of Health at the vaccination clinics held at the Dedmon Center.

Vice President Trageser reported that Student Counseling Services (SCS) and SAVES hosted many events this semester to raise awareness of suicide prevention, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and alcohol abuse. Trauma Informed Care training will be offered this summer for interested faculty and staff. SCS had six clinical interns this academic year. The interns helped SCS to meet the demand of services on campus while gaining valuable field experience.

Vice President Trageser reported that traditions programs were held for each class; Freshmen Field Day, Halfway There, Junior Twilight and Senior Signing Day. Spring Fling was also held at RUC. A \$4,000 Presidential Scholarship was presented at the Halfway There ceremony.

In closing, Vice President Trageser reported that the semester has wrapped up with many celebratory events, including the Multicultural Congratulatory Ceremony, Fraternity and Sorority Awards, Student Awards, and SGA Celebration and Officer Transition. 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 adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

# Student Government Association Update

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# Executive Board Updates

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- Chief Advisory Panel
- Student Finance Committee
- Trauma Informed Training
- Bridge Program
- SGA Workout Crew



# Senate Updates

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- Inclusion with RUC
- DEI Action Plan - Letter of Support
- Midterm Grades Resolution



- Facilities Appreciation Day
- Constitution Revisions
- WDYWW

# Cabinet and Staff Updates

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- Positivity Pilot Project
- T-shirt Drive
- Wellness Week
- Sustainability Week
- Social Media Challenge
- School Supply/Toiletry Drive



# General Body Updates



- Bags2Benches Program
- Community Service Projects
- Social Media Growth and Outreach
- Unity Fest
- Consent Campaign
- Elections





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# Questions?

# SCHEV Student Representative

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# Introduction: Grace Hurst

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Student Advisory Committee of SCHEV



**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA**

# Overview

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- Shift to online
- Members organized themselves into two subcommittees
  - Policy and Advocacy
  - Campus Engagement

# SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

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## Policy and Advocacy

- Financial Aid Eligibility - Support of HB 2123
- Expand VTOP (Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership)
- State-wide campaign to increase vaccine acceptance

# SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

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## Campus Engagement

- **Elevating Awareness**
  - Social Media Platforms
  - Student Organizations
  - Parent Networks
- **Initiatives**
  - Mental Health
  - Food Insecurity

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# Questions?

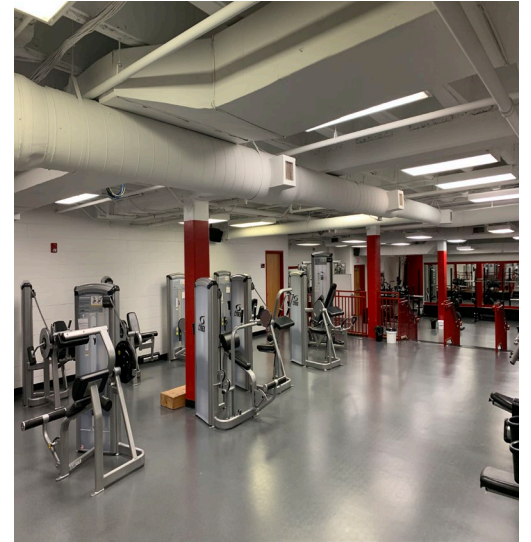
# Student Affairs Update

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# Collaboration and Partnership

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# Student Success and Engagement

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# Student Wellness



**RADFORD UNIVERSITY**  
Substance Abuse and  
Violence Education Support

HOOR 2 EMPOWER

**JOIN US TO  
#BETHECHANGE**

Fear 2 Freedom + Radford University

**MARCH 18, 2021  
4 PM - 5 PM  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE 101**

Make a difference & combat sexual violence on campus! Learn about the issue, know what to do, & take direct action to support survivors

**REGISTER ONLINE:**



**Help Us  
Stop  
Suicide**



SCAN ME

## Radford University Walk

Saturday, April 24th  
Sign up today for our virtual campus walk!  
Register at [afsp.org/radfordu](https://afsp.org/radfordu)



# Achievement

## *Housing & Residential Life*

IS PROUD TO CONGRATULATE OUR MAIN CAMPUS  
RESIDENT ASSISTANTS FOR THEIR ACADEMIC  
SUCCESS DURING THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER!!

*4.0 gpa*

FALL 2020

Gladys Addo  
Samantha Boehmer  
Natalia Carlton  
Austin Jones  
Maddie Lyle  
Joseph Mayes  
John Ouimette  
Heavon Ratcliff-Jones  
Nalani Story  
Luc White  
Karisma Woods



*3.5-3.9 gpa*

FALL 2020

Michaela Baker  
Arjunahlisa Best-Shoda  
Oak Bradshaw  
Montasia Braxton  
Nay-Quan Bryan  
Jackson Clayton  
Nicholas Francis  
Jessy Gahafer  
Lexi Ganser  
Morgan Gray  
Demario Harris  
Mackenzie Hines  
Paige Hopkins  
Anisa Hughes  
Grace Hurst  
Brooke Johnson  
Aleta Luther

Joseph Majewicz  
Courtney Martin  
Harold Martin  
Ashley Mahler  
Ashley Nesmith  
Mbaida Nying  
Derek Owen  
Roderick Owen  
Raymond Radford  
Dean Rocco  
Mariah Rock  
Jai Stanley  
Noah Staples  
Isabella Stinson  
Monica Tobaldo  
Gavin Walling

# Celebrations

## Classes of 2020 and 2021 Virtual Multicultural Congratulatory



Kente Stole



Diversity Stole



LGBTQ+ Stole



Hispanic-Latinx Stole



Native American Stole

# Traditions Week



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# Discussion

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