

Student Success Committee

April 2022

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STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE
2:30 P.M.
APRIL 28, 2022
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, MARTIN HALL, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT
AGENDA

- **CALL TO ORDER** Ms. Krisha Chachra, *Chair*
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Ms. Krisha Chachra, *Chair*
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Ms. Krisha Chachra, *Chair*
 - February 10, 2022
- **REPORTS**
 - Student Government Association Ms. Grace Hurst, *Student Government Association President*
 - SCHEV Update Ms. Grace Green, *Student Representative to SCHEV*
 - Diversity Awareness Programming Ms. Joi Stanley, *President, Diversity Awareness Programming Board*
 - Student Affairs Report Dr. Susan Trageser, *Vice President for Student Affairs*
- **OTHER BUSINESS** Ms. Krisha Chachra, *Chair*
- **ADJOURNMENT** Ms. Krisha Chachra, *Chair*

**** All start times for committees are approximate only. Meetings may begin either before or after the listed approximate start time as committee members are ready to proceed.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair
Dr. Debra McMahan, Vice Chair
Ms. Lisa Pompa
Mr. Marquett Smith
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton
Ms. Grace Hurst (Non-Voting Student Advisory Member)

April 2022 Meeting Materials

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Student Government Association

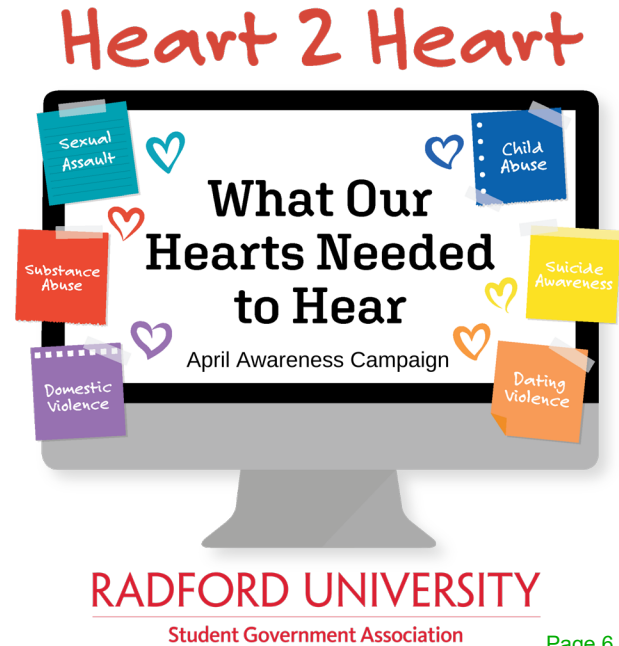
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Senate

- New Legislation
- April Awareness Campaign



Cabinet and Staff

- Past Events
- Future Events



SGA Next Year

President: Justin McLaughlin

Vice President: Lora Ellen Robinson

Chief Activities Officer: Sydney Hopkins

Chief Financial Officer: Patrick Keplinger



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Thank You!

Questions?

SCHEV Student Representative

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Introduction: Grace Green



Student Advisory Committee of SCHEV



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EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

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Overview

Online Meetings

- Typically travel to Richmond

Divided into subcommittees

- Policy and Advocacy
- Campus Engagement
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Campus Engagement Subcommittee

Initiatives

- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Swipe Out Hunger
- The Free Fridge

Focus on SNAP Student Awareness

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program

Are you a college student who could use help paying for groceries each month?

The USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, is temporarily expanding student eligibility.



¿Es estudiante universitario que podría usar ayuda para pagar alimentos todos los meses?

El Programa Asistencial de Nutrición Suplementaria (SNAP) de USDA, anteriormente conocido como cupones de alimentos, expande temporalmente su elegibilidad para estudiantes.



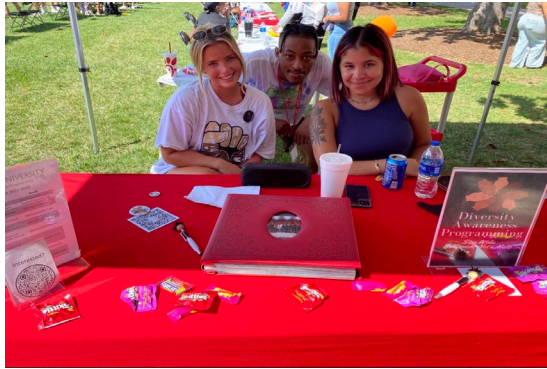
Questions?

Diversity Awareness Programming

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Outreach



Black History Month Dinner



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Education



Questions?

Student Affairs Update

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Student Involvement

Club Programming Committee



RUC Student Affairs

- Spring semester events
- Student survey
- RUC Quest



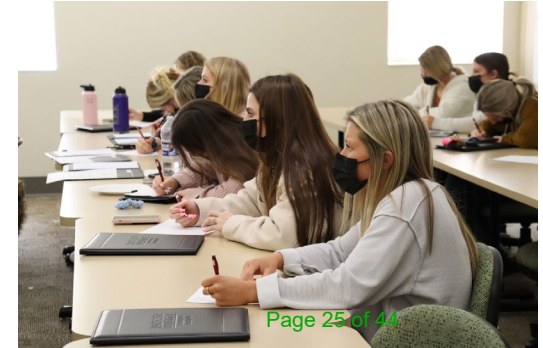
Fraternity and Sorority Life



Inaugural Fraternal Leadership Summit



Return of Greek Week



Center for Diversity and Inclusion



Winter Club Fair



Financial Aid Partnership



Black History Month

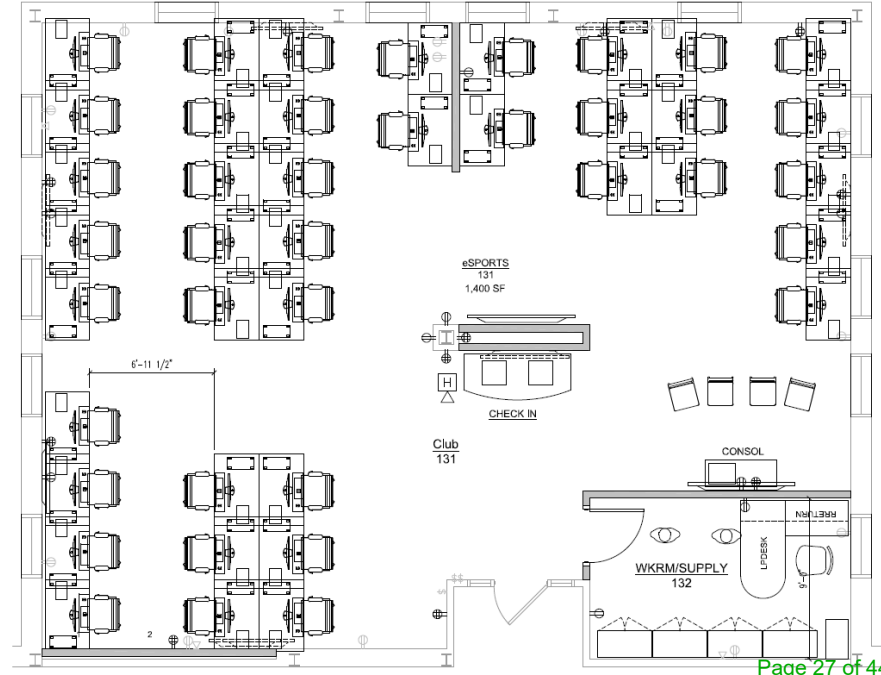
Big K.R.I.T. Keynote Brunch



Student Recreation and Wellness

E-sports

- Facility Construction
- Minor Approved
- Competitive Team
- Branding
- Recruitment Events



Student Counseling Services

Collaboration with the Health and Wellness Taskforce

- Out of Darkness Walk
- ASIST Suicide Prevention Training

Out of the
DARKNESSSM

C O M M U N I T Y W A L K S

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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Substance Abuse and Violence Education Support Services

SAVES secures \$75,000 grant



*To protect the health and promote the
well-being of all people in Virginia.*

Housing and Residential Life

Highlander Huddle

- Headshots
- Resume Review

Discover, Experience, Thrive @
The Center for Career & Talent
Development

They offer support in perfecting your resume, interview techniques, and planning your job search strategy. Meet with a career coach; set up an appointment.

Need professional attire?
The Career Closet offers FREE professional attire for students. No appointment necessary.

Get your headshot @
The Center for Career & Talent Development
Learn about resume building

The banner includes a QR code for career coaching, a QR code for headshots, an icon of a tie, an icon of a suit jacket, and an icon of a person at a computer.



By The Numbers

6

Days of
Events

125

Volunteers

871

Volunteer
Hours

10+

Partners

175

Planning
Hours

2328

Attendees



Mon
April **4**
4-6 p.m.

First Year
Field Day
Muse Lawn
#FieldDay



Tue
April **5**
4-6 p.m.

Halfway
There!
McConnell steps to
Fountain to
Bonnie Plaza
#HalfwayThere



Wed
April **6**
7-9 p.m.

Junior
Twilight
Heth Clocks
#JuniorTwilight



Thu
April **7**
4-6 p.m.

Senior
Block Party
Russell Lawn
#BlockParty



Fri
April **8**
11a.m.-1p.m.

Spring
Fling
Reid Lawn
#SpringFling



Sat
April **9**
8 p.m.

Concert
Dedmon
Center
Artist reveal April 11!

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First Year Field Day

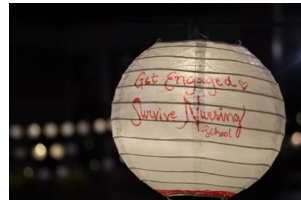
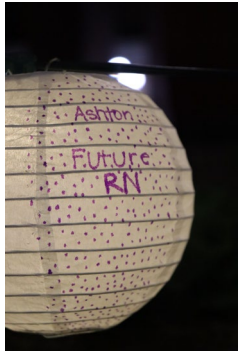
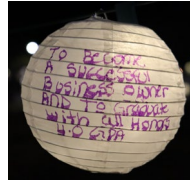


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Halfway There



Junior Twilight: It's Your Time



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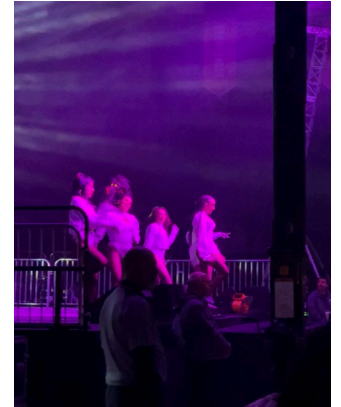
Senior Block Party



RUC Spring Fling



Concert: Key Glock and Tinashe



Discussion

Minutes

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair
Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Vice Chair
Mr. Marquett Smith
Ms. Grace Hurst, Non-voting Student Advisory Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Lisa Pompa
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Rhonda Bryant, Assistant Vice President for Student Success
Mr. Craig Cornell, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Ms. Lisa Ghidotti, Executive Director of Governmental Relations
Ms. Nancy Loosie, Associate Vice President for Campus Life

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair, formally called the meeting to order 2:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room in Martin Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Chachra asked for a motion to approve the February 10, 2022 meeting agenda for the Student Success Committee, as published. Dr. Deb McMahon so moved, Mr. Marquett Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Chachra asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting of the Student Success Committee, as published. Mr. Smith so moved, Dr. McMahon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Student Government Association (SGA) President Grace Hurst presented an update on SGA's initiatives. SGA continues to increase their social media following to connect students to resources and programs on campus. SGA will hold a sexual assault awareness campaign

focusing on recovery after violence. To promote self-care, A Women in the Weight Room event will be held in March that will give female students the opportunity to work with a recreation and wellness staff member to learn proper lifting techniques and gym equipment use. Other SGA planned events include a community trash pick-up day, Unity Fest, T-shirt exchange, a flag football tournament, and mid-term giveaways to promote good study habits. As part of SGA's sustainability efforts, enough plastic bags have been collected to recycle in exchange for a second bench to be obtained for campus.

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Angie Mitchell and Associate Dean of Students Brian Lusk gave a presentation outlining the student wellness initiatives on campus. Radford University has joined the World Health Organization Mental Health International College Student (WMH-ICS) initiative. Students will be surveyed monthly to gather data on mental health needs of students. Staff and students are being trained on Trauma Informed Care.

Radford University Carilion (RUC) entered into a partnership with Carilion Clinic that allows students access to the four Carilion-owned wellness facilities. RUC has begun hosting Wellness Wednesday that includes yoga, healthy snacks and self-care tips.

Student Counseling Services has updated the intake/triage model to ensure a student gets seen within 24 hours. Counseling hours were also expanded until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Eight interns are doing clinical experiences to assist with case load. An Associate Director of Student Advocacy was also hired in the Dean of Students Office to case manage students that require support beyond traditional counseling. The group counseling sessions being offered allow students to connect and develop a sense of belonging. The groups offered focus on social anxiety, acceptance and depression. The Recovery Community has obtained a Coffee Bike. Student members of the recovery community pedal the bike around campus, greet students, offer free coffee and discuss recovery and self-care resources.

Associate Vice President for Student Life Tricia Smith presented the Student Affairs update to the Committee. Ms. Smith introduced two new staff members joining Student Affairs Leadership – Dr. Rhonda Bryant, Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Dr. Nicole Cronenwett, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Ms. Smith shared that the Center for Accessibility Services (CAS) continues to see more students seeking accommodations. Over 500 students had access plans (accommodations) for fall semester. CAS continues to collaborate with departments across campus to educate staff on services provided and ways they can assist. CAS offers skill building workshops for students focused on time management, organization and goal setting. CAS also provides a monthly newsletter to registered students and teaching faculty with tips and strategies.

For the first time in five years, the all-Greek GPA is higher than the non- Greek cumulative GPA. Chapters have reinstated study hours, are focusing on academic excellence and creating action plans for members that have a low GPA.

The new Esports Arena will be built in Cook Hall. Esports continues to be the largest student organization on campus. Intramural competitions restarted in fall semester and students are excited to have this opportunity return. Students have also increased participation in Personal Training.

The Bonnie Student Center Employment Program employees over 70 students in a variety of positions. Emphasis is placed on learning outcomes to ensure they gain critical skills that will serve them in future careers. This program is part of an intentional retention strategy.

Substance Abuse and Violence Education Support (SAVES) services will host several events for Sexual Assault Awareness month, including the Take Back the Night walk, enhance marketing and social media presence to raise awareness and Radford University Police Department will offer a self-defense course. SAVES is collaborating with University Relations to enhance marketing and social media presence related to awareness months throughout the year.

The Radford Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary has been reinstated. This organization recognizes the top 1% of on-campus student leaders.

Main Campus fall-to-spring retention rates show positive increases. The fall 2021 cohort was retained at 88.5% and new transfer students were retained at 90.3%. The RUC fall 2021 cohort was retained at 93.3% - this is an 8% increase from spring 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Chachra adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

End of Board of Visitors Materials

