

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF VISITORS**  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**November 9, 2011**

**APPROVED**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Stephan Q. Cassaday, Vice Chair  
Ms. Sandra C. Davis  
Mr. Milton C. Johns  
Ms. Megan Rhodes, Student Representative; non-voting, advisory member  
Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite, Rector  
Mr. Mark R. Pace, Vice Rector

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Nancy E. Artis  
Mr. Matthew B. Crisp  
Mr. Thomas E. Fraim, Jr.  
Dr. Richard A. Roth, Faculty Representative; non-voting, advisory member

**OTHER PRESENT:**

President Penelope W. Kyle  
Mr. Richard S. Alvarez, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Mr. Donald Appiarius, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students  
Mr. Kenneth J. Bonk, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Activities  
Ms. Deanne J. Estrada, Senior Editor, University Relations  
Mr. Lee Hicks, President Student Government Association  
Mr. Danny M. Kemp, Chief Information Officer and Vice President for Information Technology  
Dr. Sam Minner, provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. James W. Noel, III, Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Ms. Christy L. Jackson, Assistant Director of University Relations  
Ms. Robyn J. Porterfield, Assistant Vice President for University Advancement  
Ms. Lisa H. Ridpath, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Dr. Mark R. Shanley, Vice President for Student Affairs

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Steve Cassaday, Vice Chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m. and recognized a quorum was present. Mr. Johns moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cassaday moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting and Mr. Johns seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Cassaday then called on Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President for Student Affairs to update the committee on the updates from the Student Affairs Division.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Cassaday, Vice Chair, asked for a motion to approve the November 9, 2011 meeting agenda as published prior to the meeting. Mr. Johns made the motion, Mrs. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Cassaday, Vice Chair, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2011 meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, as distributed. Mr. Johns made the motion to approve the committee minutes and Mrs. Davis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **REPORTS/UPDATES**

Dr. Shanley presented a brief update on Student Affairs initiatives including:

- Refining short and long term budget and capital planning priorities and focusing on leadership development and enhancing student traditions
- Continuing alcohol intervention efforts with the social norming campaign underway, greatly expanded evening and weekend programming, and engaging faculty in curriculum infusion and academic policy review
- Other initiatives included updating several student policies, planning for Advocacy Day in Richmond, and addressing co-curricular dimensions of the Scholar-Citizen QEP initiative

Dean Appiarius provided updates on:

- Housing occupancy (3,114 resident students, 72 triples remaining),
- Several important searches underway (Residence Life, Disability Resources, Diversity and Inclusion, and Assistant and Associate Dean),
- Final revisions of the Standards of Student Conduct (educational approach, promoting student safety) and
- Community service events - RU Scared (80 community children) and Winter Wonderland ("adopt" needy local children to receive Holiday gifts)

Mr. Bonk updated the committee on several Student Activity events.

- Family Weekend (hosted 1,700 family members throughout the weekend)
- Radford After Dark (RAD), a new funding initiative which enables registered student organizations to host safe and fun late night activities on campus on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday nights (eight sponsoring organizations, attended by over 1,000 students)

- Greek Life Coalition Assessment Project, conducted by the North-American Interfraternity Conference, will provide a comprehensive assessment of the fraternity and sorority community at Radford University with recommendations on areas of improvement and focus for the RU Greek Community

**Report from the Student Government Association President**

Mr. Hicks reported on SGA's current initiatives. All the student senator positions are now filled. SGA has developed a presence at almost all of the student organizations now. The senators and executive board began visiting other student organization meetings to provide additional support in October.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**OTHER:**

There was no new business to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Cassaday, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President for Student Affairs