

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Student Affairs Committee**

April 23, 2008

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Bob Blake, Chair  
Tommy Fraim, ex officio  
Cora Salzberg  
Juliann Abercrombie, Student Representative  
Matt Shelor

**Members Absent:**

Nelson Harris

**Others Present:**

Nancy Agee, Board of Visitors  
Randy Butt, Executive Associate Director of Athletics for Budget & Finance  
Gene Carson, Interim Registrar  
Trae Cotton, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students  
Granville Hampton, Police Director  
Penelope Kyle, President  
Robert Lineberg, Athletic Director  
Mark Pace, Board of Visitors  
Norleen Pomerantz, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Denny Templeton, Director, Distance Education & Emergency Preparedness  
Scott Shaffer, Crime Prevention Officer  
Donna VanCleave, Vice President for Information Technology  
Amber Alcaraz  
Ashley Bolt  
Jordan Draper  
Matt Shelor  
Erin Sullivan  
Matt Williams  
Tim Thornton, Reporter for *The Roanoke Times*

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**I. Intercollegiate Athletics**

Athletic Director, Robert Lineburg, introduced Randy Butt as the new Executive Associate Director of Athletics for Budget & Finance. Mr. Butt talked about the new business model for RU's Business Department and stressed accountability, structure, and high expectation levels.

Mr. Lineburg highlighted some of the accomplishments of the various Highlander sports teams. He also presented an overview of newly filled positions and on-going searches within Athletics. Other highlights included revenue streams; Alumni-giving; needed improvements in departmental technology; a ticket system for Athletics; the desire to create a winning culture; the need to change the perception of Athletics locally, state-wide, and nationally; the need to improve facilities; player development; academic advising; and recruitment.

President Kyle expressed her desire to involve the student body in supporting athletics. She talked about the need to create a taskforce to develop ways to make students feel more connected to support RU's athletic events.

**II. Amendment to Agenda**

Dr. Pomerantz asked to amend the agenda to include a Reaffirmation of the Policy Regarding Notification of Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency."

**III. Introduction of Newly Elected SGA Officers for 2008-09**

Matt Shelor introduced the following SGA Executive Officers for 2008-09:

- Matt Williams, SGA President
- Amber Alcaraz, VP for Student Finance
- Ashley Bolt, Executive Vice President
- Jordan Draper, Legislative Vice President

**IV. Student Report**

Matt Shelor provided highlights of the following Student Government Association topics:

- Success of the "Dread-the-Red" tee-shirt campaign
- Great student turn-out for Advocacy Day
- Revisions of the SGA Constitution

President-elect, Matt Williams, reported that priorities for next year include school spirit, SGA recognition, and recycling.

**V. Reaffirmation of Policy Regarding Notification of Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency**

Dr. Pomerantz explained that House Bill 1005 passed during the 2008 General Assembly Session requires notice under certain circumstances to the parents of a dependent student receiving mental health treatment at a state college or university student health or

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counseling center. This recommendation reaffirms a previously approved policy that covered parental notification if health and safety issues are present.

Tommy Fraim made a motion to approve the Reaffirmation of Policy Regarding Notification of Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency. The motion was seconded by Cora Salzberg and passed unanimously.

**VI. Policy on Violence Prevention & Threat Assessment**

Dr. Pomerantz explained that Virginia Code 23-9.2:10 (House Bill 539), passed during the 2008 General Assembly Session, requires that each public college or university shall have in place policies and procedures for the prevention of violence on campus, specifically the creation of a campus-wide committee and an assessment team. She stated that since Fall Semester, RU has established the *Risk Advisory Committee* and the *Behavioral Consultation Team* which already meet the requirements of the law. This policy officially establishes these two groups and provides the requisite Board of Visitors approval.

A motion was made by Tommy Fraim and seconded to approve the policy officially establishing a threat-assessment team and a campus-wide committee charged with prevention of violence on campus. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Policy on Weapons**

Dr. Pomerantz stated that the Student Conduct Code has a weapons policy as it pertains to students, but there is no weapons policy for the campus as a whole. Further, she explained that the Office of Attorney General (OAG) had advised that “an Institution has the absolute authority to institute policies regarding firearms with respect to students, faculty, administration, and employees.” Additionally, the OAG had also opined that invitees are also “subject to the conditions set out by the Institution.” Furthermore, RU’s “7-17” Strategic Plan states as a major goal to “provide a safe and secure environment for all faculty, staff, students, and visitors coming to the University.” Therefore, a Policy on the Possession, Use, and Storage of Weapons was developed and will be presented to the Board of Visitors for approval.

A motion was made by Cora Salzberg and seconded by Tommy Fraim to approve the policy. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Other Topics**

In response to a question about the weekend party, Dr. Pomerantz responded that the City Manager and the Chief of Police for the City of Radford had reported positive reactions to the weekend. She complimented the University fraternities on their behavior, particularly their efforts to contain their parties and to clean up the litter on Sunday.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Barbara M. Conner, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,  
Carlene Alvis, Secretary

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