

Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors
May 4, 2007; 1:00 p.m.

Members present:

Thomas E. Fraim, Jr., Chairman
Nancy Artis
Mary Ann Hovis
Steve Musselwhite
Jack Call (non-voting advisory faculty representative)

Members absent:

Nelson Harris
Martin Mash (non-voting advisory student representative)

Also attending:

Norleen Pomerantz
Michael Mardis
David Kraus
Rob Tucker
Regis McKoy (representing Martin Mash)
Meredith Friedman
Erin Sullivan
Anna Mallory, Roanoke Times Reporter

1. Student Policies

- Dr. Norleen Pomerantz, Vice President for Student Affairs, led a discussion regarding a new Virginia law that will be going into effect July 1, 2007. This law requires

“...the governing boards of each public institution of higher education to develop and implement policies that advise students, faculty, and staff, including residence hall staff, of the proper procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior. The policies shall ensure that no student is penalized or expelled for attempting to commit suicide, or seeking mental health treatment for suicidal thoughts or behaviors.”

Dr. Pomerantz reviewed the University’s current policy and procedures for students at risk and reviewed specific examples of how they worked. After lengthy discussion, the Student Affairs Committee asked Dr. Pomerantz to request feedback and legal guidance from the University’s representative from the Attorney General’s office, Ms. Alison Landry, before developing a policy. A letter from the Board will be sent to the Attorney General’s Office requesting guidance.

- Dr. Pomerantz provided a brief overview of the University’s emergency plans and proposed changes to communication capabilities.

2. **Enrollment Update**

Dave Kraus, Director of Admissions, presented an enrollment update for fall semester. He indicated that numbers and deposits are good. *Quality* is also good.

3. **SGA Report**

Regis McKoy, SGA Vice President for Student Finance, gave a report regarding the Student Finance Committee's activities for the year. The highlights were:

- Zero-based budgeting process
- The \$200,000 fund balance account will be used to support the following new project initiatives: The Bonnie expansion, a fitness facility, and a parking facility.

The May 4 meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Barbara M. Conner, Executive Assistant

Respectfully submitted,
Carlene Alvis, Secretary
Radford University Board of Visitors