

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Board of Visitors
Student Affairs Committee
September 3, 2008; 11:00 a.m.

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Members present:

Nelson Harris, Chair
Tommy Fraim, ex officio
Cora Salzberg
Nancy Artis
Mary Ann Hovis
Darius Johnson
Walter Rugaber
Juliann Abercrombie (non-voting advisory student representative)

Also attending:

Norleen Pomerantz
Greer Saunders
Trae Cotton
Mike Marion
Colleen Roberts
Barbara Porter
Robert Lineberg
Joey Beeler
Steve Owen
Matt Williams
Ann Hillenbrand Brown
Tim Thornton, Roanoke Times Reporter

Nelson Harris called the meeting to order. The agenda was reviewed and approved. Cora Salzberg made a motion to approve the April 23 minutes of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board. Nancy Artis seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Business and Reports

- **Introductions**

Dr. Pomerantz introduced Colleen Roberts as Radford University's Chief of Police, effective August 31.

Dr. Pomerantz reported that recent vacancies in the Division of Student Affairs resulted in some interim actions and reassignment of duties. As a result, Dr. Michael Marion was introduced as interim Assistant Dean of Students and will be overseeing some of the functions of the Multicultural & International Student Services office.

- Admissions Screening as a Campus Security Measure
Dr. Pomerantz gave a power point presentation based on her recent presentation to the Governor's Conference on Campus Safety & Security regarding admissions screening of prospective students as a security measure. She discussed some of the strategies that relate to security screening pre- and post-Virginia Tech's incident of April 16, 2007, and reviewed some of her research findings.
- Overview of Lenders and Student Loans
Barbara Porter, Director of Financial Aid, reviewed the process for identifying lenders for RU students. She stated that 52% of RU students borrow, for a total of \$36 million last year. She explained that nation-wide, "lists of lenders" that students use have come under scrutiny. Recently, the State of Virginia developed legislation for SCHEV regarding lenders lists. At this time, RU plans to develop a lenders list based on who our students borrow from. This list will be available on the web. However, she stated that Financial Aid will process applications with whatever lender the student chooses.
- Intercollegiate Athletics
Robert Lineberg reviewed the successes of the past year and new staff in the Athletics Department. He also gave an update regarding the Dedmon Center renovation; it is anticipated that Dedmon will be back on-line in January '09.

Joey Beeler, Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Communications, demonstrated the new Athletic web site, which will be operational later this month. The enhancements include multimedia capabilities, RU TV, the Athletics Newsletter, on-line purchase of tickets, and text alert information relative to RU athletics.

- Student Government Association
Matt Williams, SGA President, reported on goals set for SGA for the new academic year. They include:
 - Developing SGA's first five-year plan (to be related to the University's 7-17 Plan)
 - Improving the reputation of SGA
 - Improving school spirit
 - Enhancing the recycling program
 - Promoting voter registration
 - Developing First-Year Council to produce leaders for SGA

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
| Barbara M. Conner