

Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors
September 9, 2009; 9 a.m.
Minutes

APPROVED

Members Present:

C. Nelson Harris, Chair
Thomas E. Fraim, Jr., ex officio
Nancy E. Artis
Todd E. Barrish
Stephen A. Musselwhite
Mark R. Pace
Walter F. Rugaber
Linda K. Whitley-Taylor

Also attending:

Norleen K. Pomerantz
Kenneth J. Bonk
Matt Clem
Trae T. Cotton
Robert G. Lineburg
Coleen T. Roberts
Greer Saunders

Nelson Harris called the meeting to order. Steve Musselwhite made a motion to approve the agenda as distributed. Thomas Fraim seconded the motion; the motion was approved. Thomas Fraim made motion to approve the April 22, 2009, minutes of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board. Steve Musselwhite seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

New Business and Reports

• **Student Government Report**

Matt Clem, 2009-10 Student Government President, highlighted some of SGA's vision and goals for the 2009-10 academic year. They include:

- Uniting Student Groups, Faculty and Administration by
 - Initiating the Student Service Challenge
 - Scheduling the Presidential Forums (SGA)
 - Surveying Students through new outlets
 - Establishing a student representative on the Faculty Senate
- Initiating a "Pride Movement" by
 - Developing a T-Shirt Exchange
 - Continuing the Dread-the-Red Program
 - Initiating a Home-for-the-Holidays Program for students to promote RU at their high schools
 - Continuing the Highlander Olympics program
- Establishing a Foundation for the Future within SGA and the University
 - Through the President's Roundtable (SGA) to identify key Freshmen leaders

- Through the Student Leader Mentor Program to build a foundation for key SGA positions

- **Alcohol.Edu**

Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Trae Cotton reported that Radford University has joined a coalition to proactively address alcohol issues on campus. This new program, “Alcohol.Edu,” is an on-line program and is mandatory for all new students, and must be completed prior to move-in day. Dean Cotton reported that 1300 freshmen had completed the program. The Alcohol.Edu program also has a sexual assault prevention component and includes interactive exercises, videos, and surveys. He reported that the follow-up programs, surveys and tests included in Alcohol.Edu will give us better capacity to evaluate the effectiveness of our alcohol prevention programming. RU is one of only 60 founding member institutions in the US that is participating in the Coalition.

- **Residential Life**

Dean Cotton reported that Muse Hall was given a “new look” over the summer as a result of a new paint scheme. Chair rails have been added to create a more dramatic look. Dean Cotton said that this concept will be used throughout all the residence halls on campus. Instead of an “institutional” look, the effort is to achieve a more home-like atmosphere.

Dean Cotton gave an update on the PRIDE Program’s second year. He reported that staffs are using this concept as a cornerstone of their programmatic model. PRIDE – Personal development **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination and **E**nthusiasm.

- **H1N1 Virus Update**

In response to a question regarding how the University is preparing for the H1N1 virus, Dr. Pomerantz explained that RU is working with the Center for Disease Control and the local regional health District Department to assure that our efforts to respond to H1N1 and our communication with faculty, staff, students, and parents reflect the most recent guidelines.

- **Center for Diversity & Inclusion**

Dean Cotton reported that a great deal of time has been spent assessing the goals and objectives of the Office of Multicultural & International Student Services (OMISS). Consequently, it was decided to change OMISS to the Center for Diversity & Inclusion (CDI) to be as all-encompassing as possible. Dean Cotton reported that after completing a lengthy search for a Director of the Center for Diversity & Inclusion, Adrien DeLoach will be coming from Texas A&M University to fill this role. Mr. DeLoach’s first day is tomorrow September 10, and he plans to attend and will be introduced at the end of the Board meeting.

- **RU Police Department Accomplishments**

Police Chief Colleen Roberts reported on the following accomplishments of the Radford University P.D.:

- Officer Robert Johnson was appointed to the VLEPSC Accreditation Standards Committee, representing all Virginia colleges and universities.

- Crime Prevention Specialist Scott Shaffer participated as a coach during the annual VA Victim Advocate Academy in Richmond in July and was asked to participate as a permanent returning faculty member.
- Detective Sammy Shumate was accepted into the 10-week Forensics Science Academy in Richmond.
- The RUPD received a \$9,000 ABC Operation Undergrad grant for education and enforcement.
- The RUPD received a \$14,500 DMV grant for equipment and enforcement, to be concentrated on high-traffic pedestrian areas such as Tyler and Jefferson.

- **Student Activities**

Assistant Vice President and Director of Co-Curricular Activities Ken Bonk updated the committee on changes that have occurred in Student Activities. Student programming boards renamed themselves **R-SPaCE** (Radford Student programming & Campus Events) and **DAP** (Diversity Awareness Programming) to reflect a broader mission and set of goals. He explained that the names were changes to be more inclusive and diverse of the student body. Along with SGA, these organizations will work together to enhance campus programs.

Mr. Bonk reported that RU now has 19 sports clubs and 225 clubs and organizations – and the numbers continue to grow. He said this indicates that students want to be active and involved.

Mr. Bonk reported that usage numbers for the Bonnie have increased from 5,000 to 8,000.

- **Intercollegiate Athletics Report**

Athletics Director Robert Lineburg expressed his delight with student involvement and reported that last night's volleyball game drew the largest crowd ever. He reported that 59.7% of student athletes earned a 3.0 or better, indicative of excellence in the classroom.

Mr. Lineburg gave an overview of what many of the teams are doing competitively.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.