

Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors
October 22, 2007; 2 p.m.

Members present:

Nelson Harris, Chairman
Bob Blake
Regis McKoy (non-voting advisory student representative)

Members absent:

Cora Salzberg

Also attending:

Norleen Pomerantz
Wil Stanton
Trae Cotton
Patrick Critzer
Erin Sullivan
Meredith Friedman

University Six-Year Plan

University Provost Wil Stanton attended the meeting to lead discussion regarding University's six-year plan. He highlighted the Restructuring Act Goals and explained that each goal ties in to the RU Strategic Plan, known as the "7-17 Plan." There was some discussion regarding additional support for faculty development.

Meredith Friedman, student representative on the Core Curriculum Committee, talked about the committee's work to restructure the general education curriculum, as mandated by the University's Board of Visitors. Meredith and Dr. Stanton presented a snapshot of the complexities of this task. The target date for a pilot test is Fall 2008. Recommendations on the core curriculum will be presented to the Board at its November meeting.

Norleen Pomerantz explained that each Committee of the Board will be reviewing the six-year-plan and will recommend support of the document. She stated that Goal #12 is relative to Student Affairs as the University seeks to ensure the safety and security of its students. Dr. Denny Templeton has been appointed as the central administrator for the University's emergency response plan's implementation and training and will make sure that various University administrators know their roles in any emergency.

Mr. Blake made a motion that the Student Affairs Committee of the Board support the six-year plan as explained by Dr. Stanton. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion; motion passed.

Student-at-Risk Policy

Dr. Pomerantz distributed a draft copy of the Radford University Policy on Students at Risk and reviewed the few modifications suggested by legal counsel Allison Landry.

Mr. Blake made a motion that the Student Affairs Committee adopt the Students-at-Risk Policy with the modifications suggested by legal counsel. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion; motion passed.

SGA Report

Regis McKoy, SGA Legislative Vice President and Student Member of the Board of Visitors, reported the following:

- The University's Alert System now has more than 5,000 people registered. SGA will continue its work to get more students to participate.
- SGA is working to identify 40 RU students from various areas within Virginia to represent the University in Richmond for Advocacy Day on January 31, 2008. They will meet with legislators to lobby for RU.
- SGA is committed to increase the number of students who attend athletic events. A School Spirit Committee has been created and a tee-shirt has been designed in support of RU athletics. Arrangements have been made for the University Bookstore to sell the shirts at a reasonable price.

Dr. Pomerantz announced that the Student Affairs Committee of the Board probably would not need to meet again prior to the November 2 Board of Visitors meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara M. Conner