

Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate Business Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Highlander Hotel, Ballrooms A and B

Present: Staci Allen, Tom Bennett II, Sandra Bond, Ashlee Claud, Vanessa Conner, Mary Francis, Stephanie Hovsepian, Chad Hyatt, Debra Johnson, Kay Johnson, Eric Lovik, Jessica Rothe, Deana Sentman, Scott Shull, Malinda Tasler, Susan Trageser (Cabinet Liaison), Juan Urista, Meghan Viet

Not Present: Charles Cosmato, Emily Fitzgerald, Heather Hollandsworth, Mark Lambert

Guests: Damien Allen, Tonia Andrews, Lee Blackwell, Princess Clark-Gaspard, Brandon Cohen, Cherie Durbin, Svetlana Filiatreau, Mary Fowler-Hughes, Lisa Hite, Stephanie Jennelle, Jenene Lewis, Ginny McCoy, Margaret McManus, Sue Teel, Lisa Thompson, Scott Wagner

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by President Ashlee Claud.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from July 12, 2023 were approved.
- 3. Guest Speaker:** Tara Talerico, Director of Sales, Highlander Hotel.
The hotel land is owned by the Radford University Foundation, and the hotel owned by the Foundation and private investment, with the goal that the hotel will be fully owned by the Foundation in 10 years. There are 124 guest rooms, 4 guest suites on corners, banquet space, and 6,000 feet of events space. The Bee & Butter has an event terrace, and great views of the mountains and Radford University. The Red Provisions café serves Red Rooster coffee from Floyd, cheese from Galax, bread from Floyd, and Homestead Creamery ice cream. See the handout (below) for the Radford University Preferred Program benefits. The preferred rate of \$129 is for regular weekends, which will be negotiated every year, but is not expected to increase next year. Radford alumni receive a 10% off the minimum rate, and for homecoming, the alumni rate is a 20% discount. OneCard can be used at the Highlander Hotel starting the first week in October. Put “staycation” in as a promo code to get a staycation rate if you live locally. The Bee & Butter menu is being revamped to be more approachable. It was never intended to be primarily a fine-dining restaurant for special occasions.
- 4. Morale Survey Update:** Ashlee Claud reported the response rate was 58%, which she’s been told is great. The Survey Committee will be digging into the responses in the next two weeks.
- 5. Administrative and Professional Faculty Recognition:** Stephanie Hovsepian would like to see AP Faculty receive more awards and recognition at Convocation. Stephanie, Staci Allen, Jess Rothe volunteered to work together to come up with ideas, joined by Ashlee Claud.
- 6. Senator Nominations:** Mary Catherine Santoro, RUC, stepped down from Senate, and Frank West, Central Administration, has left the university. Please share you input with Ashlee on whom to nominate for these Senator positions.

- 7. Coffee with the President:** Tentatively, 9:00 AM, Thursday, September 28. Please submit questions to aclaude@radford.edu by Monday, September 25.
- 8. Matthew S. Brunner Memorial Scholarship:** Vanessa Conner said the Brunner Family is aware of this scholarship, which was spearheaded by Melissa Neal and Kim Gainer. Currently, a little over \$5,000 has been donated. The criteria for the scholarship have not been set yet.
- Gifts can be made online at: <https://inspire.radford.edu/Brunner>
 - Checks made payable to Radford University Foundation, Inc.
 - i. Matthew Brunner Scholarship in the memo line
 - ii. Mailed to PO Box 6893, Radford, VA 24142
- 9. Upcoming Events:**
- Family Weekend: September 15-17. Bond – Paint now.
 - Radford Gives Back: Wednesday, September 27
 - Radford Highlanders Festival: Saturday, October 14
 - Humans of Radford 10th Anniversary: Monday, October 16, noon-5pm; McConnell Lawn
 - Homecoming: October 19-21. Bond – a gazillion events. Band.
 - Admissions Open House: Saturday, October 28, 10am-3:30pm
 - Day of Gratitude: Friday, November 3. Lots of visitors on campus.
 - Wicked Festival: Thursday, November 9, 5pm – 7:30pm; Kyle 340. Students working on problems.
 - Admissions Open House: Saturday, November 11, 10am – 3:30pm. Projects representing each college.
 - Giving Tuesday - Highland 10 Challenge: Tuesday, November 28
 - Malinda Tasler – Fanfest tomorrow, Dedmon. 6:00.
 - Kay Johnson – Music Mondays at noon in McConnell Library Bird Room. John Hildreth up next.
 - Mary Francis – Friday Family Weekend (September 15) events at RUC.
- 10. Suggestions for Future Meetings:** Ashlee will invite the President, new VPs, Provost, etc. Suggestions include partners with the university from the City of Radford, someone from the Foundation, and Susan Trageser. A suggestion was made to have a Qualtrics link for anonymous suggestions, or a feedback box on the webpage.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:43 by Ashlee Claud, followed by a tour of the Highlander Hotel.

Future Meetings:

- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

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