STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE
2:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 2, 2021
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, MARTIN HALL, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT
AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
  Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  o September 9, 2021
  Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair

- STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT
  Ms. Grace Hurst, Student Government Association President

- FAMILY MATTERS
  Ms. Tricia Smith, Associate Vice President for Student Life
  Mr. Bruce Hayden, Associate Dean of Students

- STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT
  Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs

- OTHER BUSINESS
  Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair

- ADJOURNMENT
  Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair

** All start times for committees are approximate only. Meetings may begin either before or after the listed approximate start time as committee members are ready to proceed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair
Dr. Debra McMahon, Vice Chair
Ms. Lisa Pompa
Mr. Marquett Smith
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton
Ms. Grace Hurst, Non-voting Student Advisory Member
Introduction: Grace Hurst

Student Government Association President
Fall Events
• Mental Wellness Promotion Resolution
• Archives Committee
Cabinet and Staff

- Sports Tailgates
- Volunteer Days
- Athletics Partnerships
- Voting Encouragement
- Faculty Appreciation Week
- Sustainability

Paige Hopkins, Chief of Staff
Activities

• Expand relationships with other student organizations
• Ring Ceremony
  • April 24
• SGA Member Recruitment for 2022-2023

Erlinda Tellez, Chief Activities Officer
Finance

• Recruited new Student Finance Committee members
• Assigned liaison to SGA funded organizations
• Trained new SGA Executive Board members on Student Finance Committee policies
• Website

Justin Meeks, Chief Financial Officer
Questions?
In no hurry

Internet

In person
no more

Insecure

Irreligious

Insulated
but not
intrinsic

Income
insecurity

Indefinite

Inclusive

Independent
Families and Universities

Heth House dormitory, 1913

1969 student decorating her dorm room

Helicopter parent
Families Today

- Increased diversity
- Multiple demands
- More connected
- World events
- Student desire
Response and Advocacy

FERPA Disclosure
Health or Safety Exception
Family Conversations
  • Transitions
  • Academics
  • Involvement
  • Safety
  • Responsibility
Presentations

Student Affairs Update

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE: COACHING ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Dr. Susan Trager
Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Tamara Wallace, Interim Dean
College of Education and Human Development
Dear Radford Family:

Thank you for your continued dedication to the success of our students. As we look ahead to the upcoming academic year, I wanted to share some updates and opportunities for engagement.

Firstly, the Student Success Committee has been working diligently to ensure that our support systems are robust and responsive to the needs of our students. We are excited to launch several new initiatives aimed at enhancing student engagement and success.

One of these initiatives is the creation of a new resource center that will provide students with access to a wide range of support services, including academic advising, tutoring, and career planning. We are also expanding our online learning offerings to better accommodate the needs of remote learners.

In addition, we are proud to announce the introduction of a new mentoring program that will pair students with experienced mentors who can provide guidance and support throughout their academic journey. This program is open to all students and we encourage you to participate.

We also wanted to remind you of the upcoming Family Weekend event, which will take place on September 11-12, 2021. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with each other and with the university community. We have planned a variety of activities and events to engage and entertain everyone.

Please mark the dates and save the event details for your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support of the Student Success Committee. Together, we are creating a vibrant and supportive community for our students.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Student Success Committee
Discussion
Housing and Residential Life

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Housing and Residential Life

Living-Learning Communities

- Accelerated Research Opportunities
- Biology Connections
- Community of Artists
- Community of Makers
- ECO Connections
- Entrepreneurship Learning Community
- The Schoolhouse
Center for Accessibility Services

• Programming
• CART
• Trends
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Training

Culturally responsive DEI trainings will cover the topics of understanding privilege, allyship, advocacy, setting boundaries, and developing self care routines to support these initiatives.

September 23, October 28, November 18, January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, and May 26
10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Heth Hall 14

You must attend the entire training to receive a certificate.

RADFORD UNIVERSITY Center for Diversity and Inclusion

UBUNTU
I am because we are

Please join us for our September Ubuntu Series
September 13 - 17, 2021
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

RADFORD UNIVERSITY Center for Diversity and Inclusion

Feel Good Fridays
Self Care Awareness

Student Success Committee

RADFORD UNIVERSITY Center for Diversity and Inclusion
Student Recreation and Wellness
Fraternity and Sorority Life

Recommitment to philanthropy and service across all chapters and councils.
Student Involvement

Center for Opportunity and Social Mobility celebrated National First-Generation Student Day on November 8.
Student Recreation and Wellness

Fall 2021 Updates:
- Annual REC FEST event brought in approximately 500 students
- Re-introduced faculty/staff fitness classes in Peters Hall
- ReNew the New collected 3000 lbs. of trash

Fall 2021 Utilization Numbers:
- **SRWC Access**: 30,523 visits | **Intramurals**: 1492 participations
- **Group X**: 1,253 participations | **RUO**: 102 unique participants
- **Peters Hall F/S**: 234 participations
Substance Abuse and Violence Education Support Services (SAVES)

- Recovery Support Specialist
- Recovery Month Keynote Speaker
Student Counseling Services

- Healthy Minds Survey
- Group Therapy Offerings

GROUP THERAPY OFFERINGS

WHEN
FALL 2021

WHERE
STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES
LOWER LEVEL OF TYPHE BAIL

GROUPS OFFERED THIS SEMESTER
Anxiety & College Students - Mondays 1-2:15 p.m.
Acceptance & Commitment Therapy - Mondays 3-4:15 p.m.
Understanding Self & Others - Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Freshman Experience Group - Tuesdays 2-3 p.m.
Understanding Self & Others - Wednesdays 3-4:15 p.m.
Getting Start - Wednesdays 3-4 p.m.
Anxiety Treatment - Wednesdays 3-4 p.m.
Understanding Self & Others - Thursdays 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Understanding Self and Others - Thursdays 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

OPEN TO ALL ENROLLED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

WHY IS GROUP BENEFICIAL?
Group therapy helps individuals see that they are not alone and that others share similar struggles. It also gives you the opportunity to receive and give support to others.

INTERESTED?
Call to schedule your consultation appointment today at (540) 296-6279!

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THE HEALTHY MINDS STUDY

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STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE
2:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
MARTIN HALL, SECOND FLOOR, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT
MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Vice Chair
Ms. Lisa W. Pompa
Mr. Marquett Smith
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton
Ms. Grace Hurst, Non-Voting Student Advisory Member

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT
Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr. Mark Lawrence
Ms. Nancy Angland Rice

OTHERS PRESENT
Dr. Carolyn R. Lepre, Interim President

CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Debra McMahon, Vice Chair, formally called the meeting to order 2:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room in Martin Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the September 9, 2021 meeting agenda for the Student Success Committee, as published. Ms. Lisa Throckmorton so moved, Mr. Marquett Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting of the Student Success Committee, as published. Ms. Throckmorton so moved, Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS
Student Government Association (SGA) President Grace Hurst presented SGA’s goals for 2021-2022 academic year, including collaborate with other organizations, encourage student
engagement, promote mental health resources and advocate for student needs. SGA held several welcome back events for all students during the first two weeks of the semester. Students could take First Day of Class photos outside Heth Hall to send to their families. SGA has established new committees on parking, mental wellness and SGA Constitution revisions. Through a collaboration with the Center for Career and Talent Development, events will be held to prepare students for the Career Fair. Ms. Hurst also reported on events and initiatives SGA has planned for the fall semester, such as a talent show, costume contest, school supply drive for the local elementary schools, wellness week programming, and a holiday parade.

Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser, Ed.D., Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Angie Mitchell, and Associate Vice President for Student Life Tricia Smith gave a presentation outlining how Student Affairs staff are intentional in their approach to promoting student success and building a sense of belonging focusing on academic belonging, social belonging, campus community belonging and connections to the larger community through off-campus belonging.

Dr. Trageser shared the Models of Practice that frames the Student Affairs work, including the eight tenets upon which it is based. Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Smith shared examples throughout the presentation for each tenet. Student-centered included extending Student Counseling Services until 8 p.m. to better meet the needs of students. Tele-behavioral health appointments that were utilized during the pandemic will continue to be available to students increasing access over breaks and to fully online students. SAVES received grant funding to employ a Recovery Support Specialist and enhance the Recovery Lounge. As part of the grant, each campus receives a bicycle that allows the Recovery Specialist to travel around campus to meet and talk to students while offering coffee and tea. A club finder option has been added to RUInvolved. This allows students to indicate interests and matches them to a club.

Related to the Caring tenet, the Highlander Food Pantry, that is open to all members of the Highlander Community, became a project for sociology classes with the assistance of Dr. Beth Lyman. The students provided marketing strategies and interns to staff the pantry. The Citizen Leader Program is also incorporating the pantry as a service opportunity for students. Related to the second tenet, Inclusion, a seven-week Ubuntu (I am because they are) series was started this fall that will cover various social equity and inclusion topics. All employees and students are invited to attend.

Related to the Collaborative tenet, the second cohort of the Bridge Program started this semester. New River Community College has designated an advisor for the program that will divide her time between the campuses. The Bridge Program participants are living as themed community in Ingles Hall. The family series that began in 2019 will be restarted this fall. Families will be invited to participate in weekly informational sessions to better understand timelines and processes to assist their student.

Related to the Learner Focused and Excellence tenets, Student Affairs received funding through the Strategic Investment Proposals for three initiatives. The Center for Opportunity and Social Mobility opened this semester and will provide support, assistance, employment and programming for first-generation students. An Esports Arena will also be opened this fall to be a home for the largest club on campus with over 200 members. The new Assistant Director of ESports will be the coach for this club and also recruit at high schools. A consulting firm has
been hired to review and assess our Fraternity and Sorority Life area and to assist in strategy
development as the University works to realign the culture with greater focus on founding values
and community pillars.

Related to the Efficiency tenet, COVID-19 drove many positive changes, including holding
Traditions Week online. Participating students received a gift; there was a 114% increase in
participation over the previous year. Telehealth was continued. Family groups that included an
upper classman paired with 12 freshmen helped address social distancing issues while still
bringing students together for regular, weekly activities.

Related to the final tenet, Team Oriented, a Call Center was established last fall to manage the
volume of calls related to COVID-19. Staff from all divisions of the University have been trained
and assist throughout the day, early evenings and weekends.

Fall residence hall move-in was held over a five-day period with assistance from departments
across campus. Welcome Back events were held at the beginning of the semester, including New
Student Convocation, Welcome Back Bash, Movies on the Lawn, and Family Group meetings.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. McMahon adjourned the meeting at
3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jenni Tunstall
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Secretary to the Committee
End of Board of Visitors Materials