STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING
2:30 P.M.
APRIL 22, 2021
ART MUSEUM
COVINGTON CENTER, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT
MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Debra K. McMahon, Chair
Mr. David A. Smith, Vice Rector
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Rachel Fowlkes
Ms. Karyn K. Moran
Ms. Samantha Powell, Student Representative (Non-voting Advisory Member)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr. Bob Archer, Rector
Mr. Mark Lawrence, Vice Rector

CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Debra McMahon, Chair, formally called the meeting to order 3:18 p.m. in the Art Museum in the Covington Center.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the April 22, 2021 meeting agenda for the Student Success Committee, as published. Mr. Mark Lawrence so moved, Mr. David Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Dr. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting of the Student Success Committee, as published. Mr. Lawrence so moved, Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS
Student Government Association (SGA) President Chris Davis presented the final update on SGA initiatives for the 2020-2021 academic year. The SGA Executive Board members received Trauma Informed Care training and will assist with the promotion of this program across campus. SGA strengthened its efforts of inclusion with Radford University Carilion (RUC) students by hosting Meet Your Senator and Unity Fest events at RUC. Unity Fest was also held
on main campus with various events, such as an open mic night and an international cuisine meal. The Executive Board served as peer mentors for the Bridge Program students.

Mr. Davis reported that the Midterm Grade Resolution was passed by the Student Affairs Executive Council. SGA will continue to pursue the resolution adoption by Faculty Senate.

Mr. Davis also reported on cabinet and staff led SGA initiatives. Members assisted the Sustainability office to raise awareness of planting trees, energy efficiency and other go-green initiatives. Members wrote notes of encouragement and posted these across campus. SGA wrapped up the semester by hosting T-Shirt giveaways, social media challenges, school supply donation drive, and wellness awareness events during exams. SGA elections were held and Grace Hurst was elected the new SGA President. A copy of Mr. Davis’ report is attached hereto as Attachment A and is made a part hereof.

Ms. Grace Hurst, SCHEV Student Representative, updated the Committee on the focus of the SCHEV Student Advisory Council this past year. The Council meetings were completely virtual but that allowed for more meetings, as students didn’t have to travel to Richmond. The members organized into two committees: Policy and Advocacy and Campus Engagement. The Policy and Advocacy Committee focused on financial aid eligibility, expansion of the Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership and increasing vaccine awareness. The Campus Engagement Committee worked to raise awareness of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) on social media platforms, within student organizations on campuses and in parent networks. This Committee also established a peer mentorship and student health ambassador program – 50 in 5. The peer mentor on each campus implemented an engagement plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The SAC also assisted the Department of Social Services with distribution of materials on campuses to bring awareness to the SNAP eligibility expansion. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Attachment B and is made a part hereof.

Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser, Ed.D. provided the Division of Student Affairs report. Vice President Trageser provided details on the increased collaboration and partnership efforts across divisions. She added the Peters Hall Fitness Lab has opened for faculty and staff. The Highlander Food Pantry opened with assistance from Feeding America. All faculty, staff and students are eligible to receive resources from the pantry, as needed. Retention campaigns were held with assistance from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs departments. Vice President Trageser shared that 600 new freshmen achieved the Dean’s List. Each student received a personal video message from the Deans and an achievement certificate. She continued by reporting that faculty and staff have volunteered 4500 hours to assist the VA Department of Health at the vaccination clinics held at the Dedmon Center.

Vice President Trageser reported that Student Counseling Services (SCS) and SAVES hosted many events this semester to raise awareness of suicide prevention, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and alcohol abuse. Trauma Informed Care training will be offered this summer for interested faculty and staff. SCS had six clinical interns this academic year. The interns helped SCS to meet the demand of services on campus while gaining valuable field experience.
Vice President Trageser reported that traditions programs were held for each class; Freshmen Field Day, Halfway There, Junior Twilight and Senior Signing Day. Spring Fling was also held at RUC. A $4,000 Presidential Scholarship was presented at the Halfway There ceremony.

In closing, Vice President Trageser reported that the semester has wrapped up with many celebratory events, including the Multicultural Congratulatory Ceremony, Fraternity and Sorority Awards, Student Awards, and SGA Celebration and Officer Transition. A copy of the report is attached hereto as **Attachment C** and is made a part hereof.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. McMahon adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jenni Tunstall  
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs  
Secretary to the Committee
Student Government Association Update

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Student Success Committee
Executive Board Updates

• Chief Advisory Panel
• Student Finance Committee
• Trauma Informed Training
• Bridge Program
• SGA Workout Crew
Senate Updates

- Inclusion with RUC
- DEI Action Plan - Letter of Support
- Midterm Grades Resolution

- Facilities Appreciation Day
- Constitution Revisions
- WDYWW
Cabinet and Staff Updates

- Positivity Pilot Project
- T-shirt Drive
- Wellness Week
- Sustainability Week
- Social Media Challenge
- School Supply/Toiletry Drive

Student Success Committee
General Body Updates

- Bags2Banches Program
- Community Service Projects
- Social Media Growth and Outreach
- Unity Fest
- Consent Campaign
- Elections
Questions?
SCHEV Student Representative

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Student Success Committee

April 22, 2021
Introduction: Grace Hurst

Student Advisory Committee of SCHEV

STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

SCHEV Student Representative
Overview

• Shift to online
• Members organized themselves into two subcommittees
  → Policy and Advocacy
  → Campus Engagement
Policy and Advocacy

• Financial Aid Eligibility - Support of HB 2123
• Expand VTOP (Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership)
• State-wide campaign to increase vaccine acceptance
SCHEV Student Advisory Council Recommendations

Campus Engagement

• Elevating Awareness
  – Social Media Platforms
  – Student Organizations
  – Parent Networks

• Initiatives
  – Mental Health
  – Food Insecurity
Questions?
Student Affairs Update
Collaboration and Partnership
Student Success and Engagement
Student Wellness

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MARCH 18, 2021
4 PM - 5 PM
SEXUAL VIOLENCE 101

Make a difference & combat sexual violence on campus! Learn about the issue, know what to do, & take direct action to support survivors.

REGISTER ONLINE:

Help Us Stop Suicide

Radford University Walk

Saturday, April 24th
Sign up today for our virtual campus walk!

Register at afsp.org/radfordu
Achievement

Housing & Residential Life
IS PROUD TO CONGRATULATE OUR MAIN CAMPUS RESIDENT ASSISTANTS FOR THEIR ACADEMIC SUCCESS DURING THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER!!

4.0 gpa
Gladys Addo
Samuel Boehmer
Natalie Carlan
Austin Jones
Maddie Lyle
Joseph Moyes
John Ouzimette
Heaven Ratch-Jones
Nalani Story
Lay White
Karisma Woods

3.5-3.9 gpa
Michael Baker
Arjanalee Best-Shada
Oak Brandlow
Montana Branton
Ney-Quan Bryan
Jackson Clayton
Nicholas Francis
Jesse Gahofner
Lexi Ganser
Morgan Gray
Demarie Harris
Makayla Hines
Paige Hopkins
Aidan Hughes
Grace Hurst
Brooke Johnson
Alexa Luther
Joseph Majewicz
Courtney Martin
Harold Martin
Ashley Mehler
Ashley Neesmith
Nambio Nyang
Derek Owen
Roderick Owen
Raymond Radford
Dean Racca
Marish Rock
Jat Stanley
Naiah Staples
Isabella Strauss
Monica Tabaldo
Gavin Walling
Celebrations

Classes of 2020 and 2021 Virtual Multicultural Congratulatory

Kente Stole
Diversity Stole
LGBTQ+ Stole
Hispanic-Latinx Stole
Native American Stole
Traditions Week

Student Success Committee
Traditions Week
Discussion
End of Board of Visitors Materials