

Radford University/Radford City Joint Commission Minutes

The Hub on East Main Street
January 14, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

Attendees: Kellie Artip, Ben Bondurant, Kim Repass, Kelsi Jones, Angela Joyner, Bethany Usher, Eric Plummer, David Perryman and Nichole Hair. Jason Slaughter appeared on behalf of Jerry Holdaway and Susan Trageser appeared by Zoom.

I. Welcome

The meeting was opened by Angela Joyner and Kellie Artrip, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were done because of new members attending.

II. City Manager Introduction

Introduction of the Interim City Manager was tabled for the February meeting so that the new City Manager can be present.

III. Community Fest Update

This matter was tabled for the February meeting.

IV. Spring Schedule

The spring schedule for Radford and Radford University was discussed and is as follows:

Event/Date/Location

Winter Club Fair

Contact Dr. Jen Rensler to serve a booth (jrentschler@radford.edu) by January 17

January 24, 2025 @ 2 – 5 pm

Student Recreational Wellness Center

Provost Speaker Series

- Luke Liska (AI)

January 28, 2025 @ 7 pm

Artis Center

Internships, Part-time & Summer jobs Career Expo

February 4, 2025 @ 4 – 7 pm

Kyle Hall

Full-time jobs & Graduate School Career Fair

February 5, 2025 @ 4 – 7 pm

Kyle Hall

Provost Speaker Series

- Roberto & Rachel Santos (Scholarship & Real-world Impact with Police Practices)

February 18, 2025 @ 7 pm

Artis Center

Education Career Fair

February 21, 2025 @ 11 – 4 pm

RU Recreation Center

DCOBE Shadow Day discussion

February 21, 2025

Volunteer Summit

February 22, 2025

University Performance Series

February 25 & March 25 @ 7:30 pm

<https://www.radford.edu/visual-performing-arts/performance-series/index.html>

College of Visual & Performing Arts

January 22 – February 22 @ 7:30 pm

<https://calendar.radford.edu/all/categories/Visual%20%26%20Performing%20Arts>

Planetarium shows

February 2025

[Upcoming Planetarium Shows](#)

Radford Polar Plunge

March 1, 2025

TBD

Provost Speaker Series

- Jennifer McDonald (Music therapy)

March 18, 2025 @ 7 pm

Artis Center

Health Professions Career Fair

March 20, 2025 @ 12 – 4 pm

RU Recreation Center

Highlander Day

March 22, 2025 & April 12, 2025

RU Open House

April 18, 2025

Provost Speaker Series

- Sallie Beth Johnson (Social Determinants of health and well-being)

April 22, 2025 @ 7 pm

Artis Center

Annual Chamber Awards Gala – Casino themed

February 8, 2025 @ 5 – 9 pm

Highlander Hotel

RU Spring Commencement for Graduate & undergraduate students

May 9 – 10, 2025

Academic calendar 2024-2025

[Academic Calendar](#)

Tartan Tails

Applications being accepted until 11:59 pm on 2/2/2025. Selection and interview, following application review, will take place between 2/7-2/18. Weekly trainings will begin 2/25 at 6:00 p.m. on main campus.

[Qualtrics Survey](#) | [Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

V. Other New Business – Work Plan for February

An updated Charter was created in 2024. The Commission will review and update the Work Plan for the Commission at the February meeting.

VI. Member Updates

- Relevant updates related to work and initiatives in area/role

City Representatives

- Kellie Artrip – Radford City Council Member
- Craig Meadows – Interim City Manager
- Jason Slaughter on behalf of Jerry Holdaway – Interim Radford City Chief of Police
- Dan McKinney – Executive Director, Radford Chamber of Commerce
- Kim Repass – Director of Economic Development & Director of Tourism
 - Work is moving forward on the foundry project. The EDA determined that the soil can be removed, and 375 tons of soil is being removed. Next step is removal of concrete.
- Jenni Webb – Director of Communications and City Clerk
- Melissa Skelton – Director of Planning and Zoning
- Ben Bondurant - Real Estate Rep and Developer
- Kelsi Jones – City Business Rep – There are spots remaining for the wine tasting which includes a plate of food – scheduled for January 15, 2025, at 6 pm

University Representatives

- Susan Trageser- Vice President for Student Affairs
 - Tartan Tails will begin taking applications and they will close on February 2nd, 2025. Training is free to faculty, staff and community in exchange for a commitment to the program
- Angela Joyner – Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education
- Bethany Usher – Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Plans are moving forward to renovate Dalton Hall. Muse Hall will remain in place while Dalton Hall is being renovated.
- Rob Hoover – Vice President for Finance and Administration
- Eric Plummer – Assistant VP for Public Safety
 - RU PD has CLEA web assessment, Coffee with Cop and Cookies with Rookies
 - Switching records management companies
- Lisa Ghidotti – Executive Director of Governmental Relations and Strategic
- Nichole Hair – Director of Economic Development and Community Engagement