

Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

December 2025



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Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

Kyle Hall, Radford, VA

December 4th, 2025

2:30 P.M.

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Agenda

- **Call to Order** Mr. David Smith, *Chair*
- **Approval of Agenda** Mr. David Smith, *Chair*
- **Approval of Minutes** Mr. David Smith, *Chair*
 - o September 11, 2025
- **Student Government Association Report** Mr. Owen Starr, *Student Government Association President*
- **Student Affairs** Dr. Susan Trageser, *Vice President for Student Affairs*
 - o Student Affairs Goal Review
- **Intercollegiate Athletics Report** Dr. Robert Lineburg, *Director of Athletics*
- **Other Business** Mr. David Smith, *Chair*
- **Adjournment** Mr. David Smith, *Chair*

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. David A. Smith, *Chair*

Mr. James C. Turk, *Vice Chair*

Mr. Dale Ardizzone

Ms. Callie Dalton

Mr. Anthony Moore

Ms. Dominika Butler (Non-Voting Student Advisory Member)

Meeting Materials



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Owen Starr

Student Government Association President

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Membership

Goal: Fill as many seats as possible for better student representation.

Outcome:

- Reached a total of 45 members
- All cabinet seats were filled
- Senate gained many more seats with all class seats being filled.



Cabinet

Goal: Increase Student Engagement

Outcome:

- Athletics busses.
- Focused events and initiatives



Discussion

Student Affairs

Susan Trageser

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Tartan 5K: A Twilight Run



2024
Fallon Park
124 Registrations
31 Volunteers

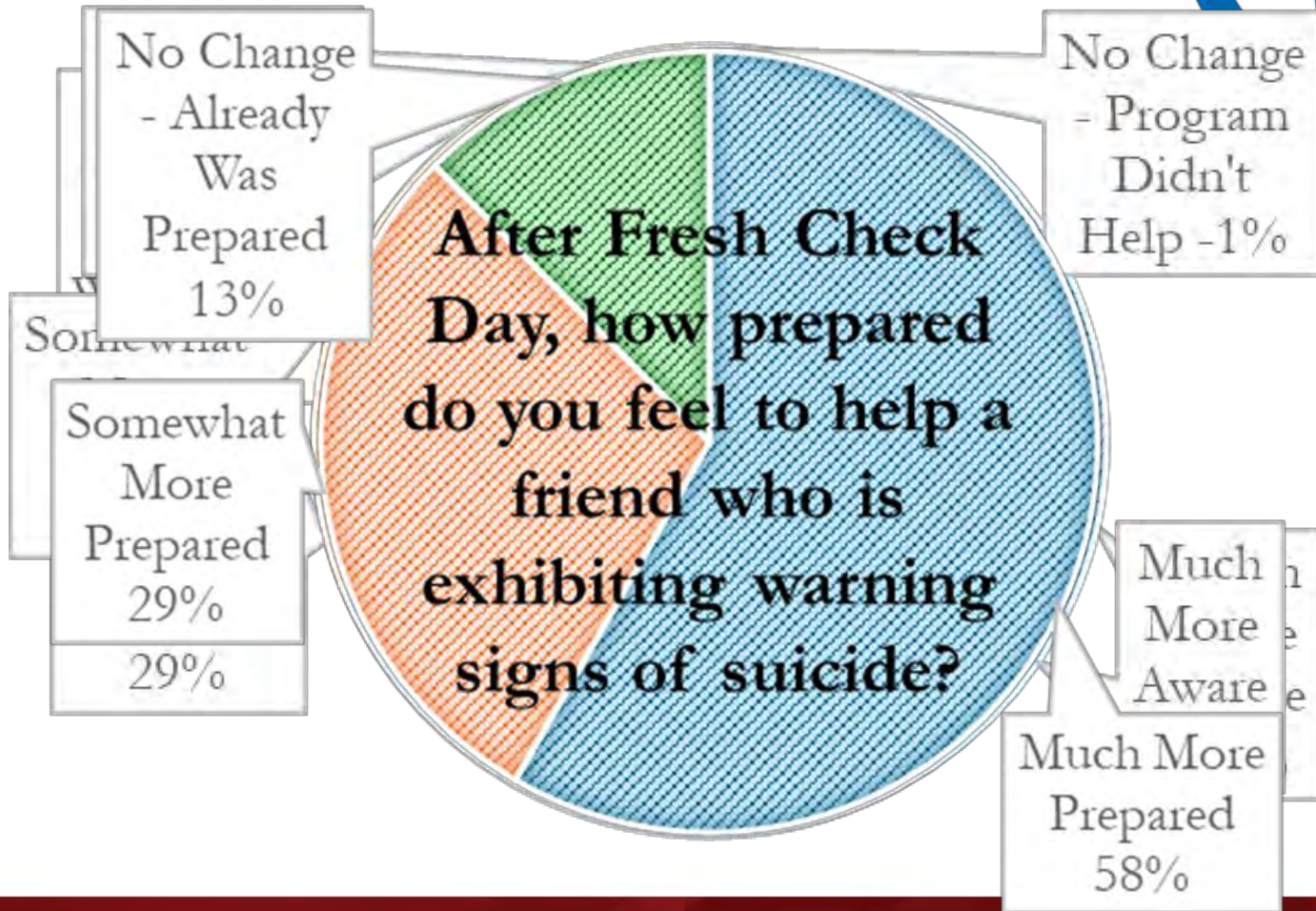


2025
River's Edge Park
150 Registrations
36 Volunteers



2026
Friday, September 18
River's Edge Park

Fresh Check Day



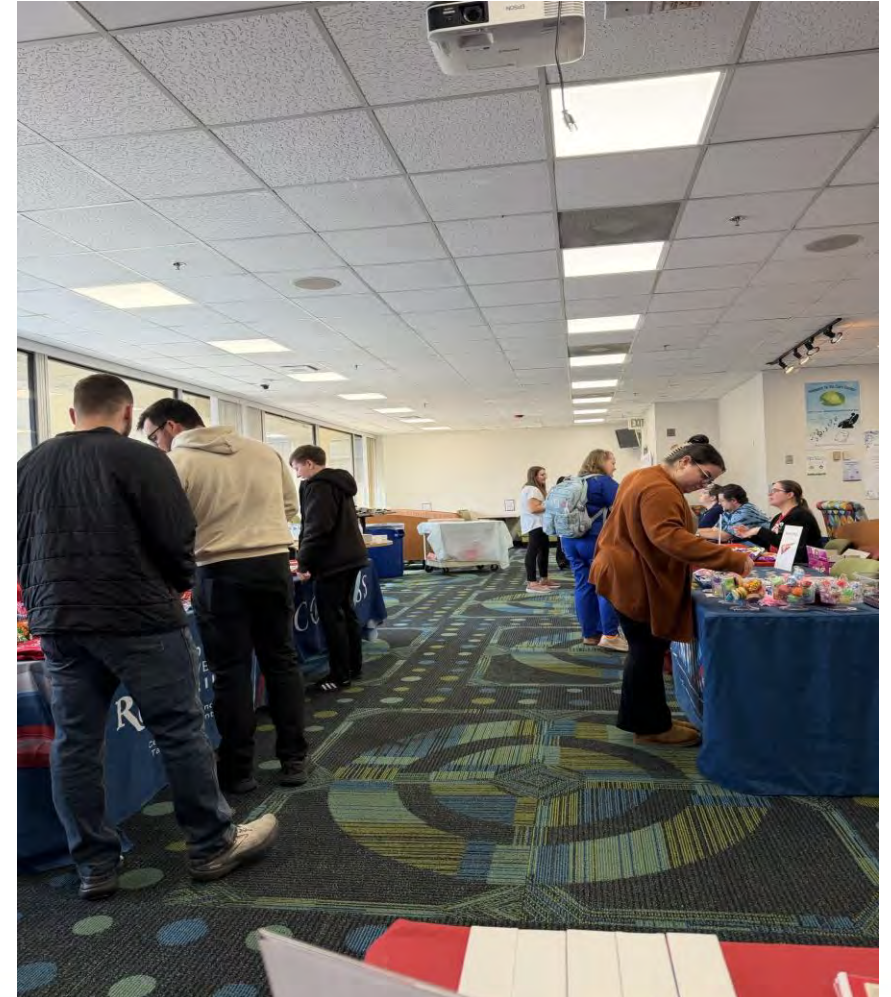
Connected Communities

- National First-Gen Week
 - 465 student participants
- Courage to Rise
- Laptop Loaner Program
 - 45.7% applicants are Pell-Eligible

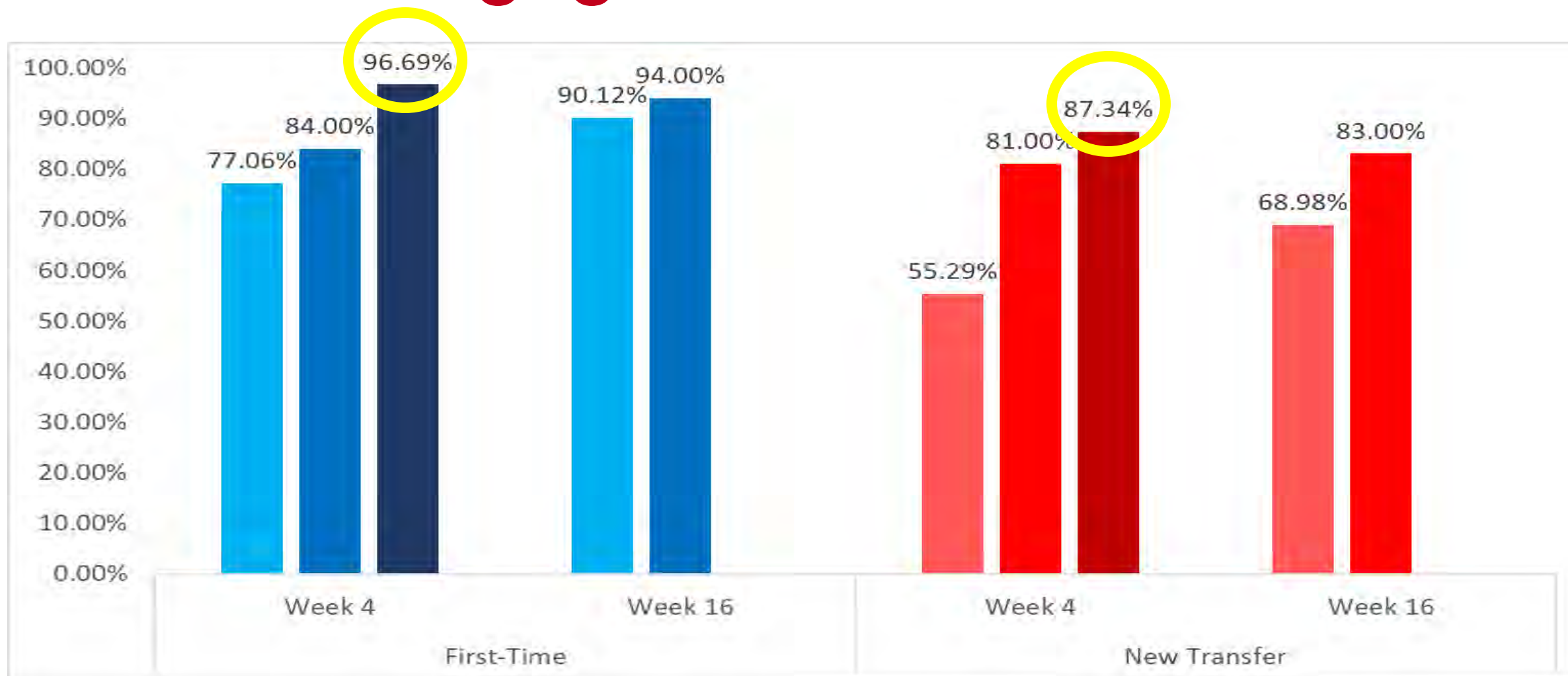


Connected Communities

- Transfer and Commuter support through student employment, programming and access to amenities
- Space reservations from faculty, staff, and students
- Virginia Indigenous Nations in Higher Education



Student Engagement



Discussion

Intercollegiate Athletics



Board of Visitors

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Agenda

- Softball Stadium Renovations
- Competitive Excellence
- Important Dates & Initiatives

Softball Stadium Renovations

Stadium Update:

- New turf field/bullpens are completed
- Videoboard will be installed early January
- Stadium padding on the fence and outfield will be late January



Competitive Excellence - Fall Sports Recap

Women's Soccer

- Claims seventh Big South Regular Season Title
- Lilly Short – Big South Midfielder of the Year
- Amani Green – Big South Defender of the Year & Big South Newcomer of the Year
- Ben Sohrabi – Big South Coach of the Year
- Six others receiving Big South All-Conference Honors

Men's & Women's Cross Country

- Men's finished 5th overall
 - Hayat Khan – Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- Women's finished 3rd overall
 - Delaney Eller – Big South Newcomer of the Year

Volleyball

- Finished 6th in the regular season
- Lost in the semifinals of the Big South Conference Tournament

Men's Soccer

- Finished 6th in the regular season



Competitive Excellence

Men's Basketball

- 2-5 Overall (0-0 Big South) – as of November 23
- Upcoming Remaining Non-Conference Games:
 - SMU
 - Southern Miss
 - Saint Francis
 - Coppin State
 - William & Mary
 - VMI

Women's Basketball

- 4-3 Overall (0-0 Big South) – as of November 23
- Mike McGuire has the most wins in program history, currently 194
- Upcoming Remaining Non-Conference Games:
 - Valparaiso
 - St. Bonaventure & Cleveland State (Cleveland Tournament)
 - Navy
 - Ohio
 - Hampton
 - Virginia Tech



Important Dates & Initiatives

Basketball Alumni Weekend

- January 24, 2026

RAD48 – 48 hour of giving

- February 3-5, 2026

Big South Basketball Championship

- March 4-8, 2026
- Johnson City, Tenn (Freedom Hall Civic Center)



Discussion

Minutes



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Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

1:45 p.m.

September 11, 2025

Kyle Hall 340, Radford, VA

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Minutes

Committee Members' Present

Mr. David Smith, Chair

Mr. Dale Ardizzone

Mr. Anthony Moore

Ms. Dominika Butler (Non-Voting Student Advisory Member)

Board Members Present

Ms. Jennifer Wishon Gilbert, Vice Rector

Mr. Dale S. Ardizzone

Ms. Jeanne S. Armentrout

Ms. Betsy D. Beamer

Ms. Joann Craig

Dr. Betty Jo Foster

Ms. Lisa Pompa

Mr. Jonathan Sweet

Ms. Mary Anne Holbrook

Dr. Matthew Close (Faculty Representative)

Others Present

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, President

Ms. Karen Castelee, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President

Ms. Susie Kuliasha, Senior Executive Assistant for the Office of the President

Mr. Ryan Bowyer, Chief of Staff

Ms. Lisa Ghidotti, Executive Director of Government Relations

Dr. Dannette Gomez-Beane, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Communications

Dr. Rob Hoover, Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO

Dr. Angela Joyner, Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education

Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Bethany Usher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ms. Penny White, Vice President for University Advancement

Ms. Susan Richardson, University Counsel

Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics

Mr. Bruce Hayden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

Ms. Tricia Smith, Associate Vice President for Student Life

Ms. Nancy Loosle, Associate Vice President for Campus Life RUC

Mr. Andrew Price, Director for Housing & Residential Life

Mr. David Diana, Director for Student Counseling & SAVES

Mr. Lance Moore, Interim Director, Students Standards & Conduct

Dr. Mecca Marsh, Interim Director, Fraternity & Sorority Life

Call to Order

Mr. David Smith, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. in Kyle Hall 340, Radford, Virginia, and welcomed everyone to the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the June 5, 2025 meeting agenda as published.

Mr. Anthony Moore so moved, Mr. Dale Ardizzone second and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025 Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting as published.

Mr. Ardizzone so moved, Mr. Moore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Student Government Association (SGA) Report

Mr. Owen Starr, SGA President, presented membership goals focused on filling as many seats as possible. Efforts include strengthening retention by engaging prospective students, keeping positions open for appointment if necessary, and collaborating with campus partners.

Senate goals center on amplifying student voices through the “You Said, We Did” initiative, ensuring transparent communication regarding how feedback is acted upon, advertising SGA meetings, enhancing engagement with student organizations, and offering feedback opportunities via suggestion boxes and QR codes.

The Cabinet’s focus is increasing student engagement through outreach efforts such as social media, bulletin board postings, and tabling, while fostering campus spirit and connecting students to resources.

Student Affairs Report

Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs, provided an update on the work of the Division of Student Affairs and progress toward achieving two-year goals.

She shared process mapping results highlighting workflow improvements and student survey data reflecting 80% clarity and 78% ease of use for processes engaged. Dr. Trageser emphasized the Division’s Culture of Care mindset and outlined the Professional Development Initiative, designed to enhance staff well-being, collaboration, and growth while improving services provided to students. Over the past two years, the Division has offered educational, social, and well-being opportunities. Feedback indicated these initiatives have been beneficial professionally and have fostered a stronger sense of community.

She also noted the integration of Gallup Strengths into both professional staff and student employee development.

Dr. Trageser shared data from the Student Employment Initiative, which showed that students employed across Student Affairs are retained at a higher rate (84%) compared to the overall undergraduate population (83%). The initiative helps students identify and articulate skills gained through campus employment.

Dr. Trageser presented a video highlighting Move-In, RadWelcome, and the Highlander Haulers, along with a showcase video of Radford Community Fest 2025.

Intercollegiate Athletics Report

Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics, shared the following updates:

Student-Athlete Experience

- Meredith Page (Volleyball) earned the 2024–25 Big South Woman of the Year Award.
- Page served on multiple NCAA councils and committees, including the Division I Council and Transition Committee.

VA250 – Celebrating 250 Years of America

- Radford Athletics will wear VA250 commemorative patches on all jerseys this season in honor of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence.

New Ticket Platform

- Athletics launched Vivenu (v-venue) as its new digital ticketing system, now including parking passes.

Game Day Experience Enhancements

- Digital ticketing allows streamlined access.
- Concession upgrades will feature enhanced food options and alcohol sales.
- Athletics is exploring a licensed co-branded beer for in-venue sale.

Red Thinking Partnership

- Athletics has partnered with Red Thinking to lead social media strategies for Radford Athletics.

Competitive Excellence

- Pre-season recognitions:
 - Women's Soccer – 3rd overall
 - Cross Country – Men's 4th, Women's 3rd
 - Volleyball – 5th overall
- Upcoming men's and women's basketball non-conference schedules feature strong competition, including matchups with Southern Miss, UNCW, VMI, Western Illinois, Furman, Navy, and Ohio.

Resource Development

- Athletics reported \$420,400 in sponsorship revenue and \$1,017,348 raised through 46 donors for the FY26 Fund Drive.

Important Dates & Initiatives

- **Hall of Fame Induction** – October 10, 2025
 - Inductees: Mike Jones (MBB), Javonte Green (MBB), Yvette “Pebbles” Smith (WBB), Rachel Wiechecki (VB), and Vincent Wyatt (MT&F)
- **Preseason Basketball Tipoff Event** – Fall 2025
- **RAD48** – February 3–5, 2026

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Galyean-Goff
Executive Assistant to the
Vice President for Student Affairs

End of Board of Visitors Materials

