



Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

3:30 p.m.

June 5, 2025

Kyle Hall, Room 340, Radford, VA

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Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Mr. David Smith, Chair
Mr. James C. Turk, Vice Chair
Ms. Callie Dalton
Mr. William C. Davis
Mr. George Mendiola
Mr. Onajae Edmund (Non-Voting Student Advisory Member)

Board Members Present

Mr. Marquett Smith, Rector
Mr. Tyler W. Lester, Vice Rector
Mr. Dale S. Ardizzone
Ms. Betsy D. Beamer
Ms. Joann Craig
Dr. Betty Jo Foster
Ms. Jennifer Wishon Gilbert
Ms. Lisa Pompa
Mr. Jonathan Sweet
Dr. Matthew Close (Faculty Representative)

Others Present

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 Advancement and Alumni Relations
Ms. Lisa Ghidotti, Executive Director of Government Relations
Ms. Karen Casteel, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President

Ms. Susan Richardson, University Counsel
Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics
Mr. Bruce Hayden, Associate Vice President 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. D.J. Preston, Director, Student Recreation and Wellness

Call to Order

Mr. David Smith, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 3:24 p.m. in Kyle Hall Room 340. Mr. Smith welcomed everyone to the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. David Smith asked for a motion to approve the March 20, 2025 meeting agenda, as published. Mr. George Mendiola so moved, Mr. James C. Turk seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting, as published. James C. Turk so moved, Mr. George Mendiola seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Student Government Association Report

Unfortunately, Jada Freeman, SGA President, was unable to attend the Board of Visitors meeting today. Dr. Susan Trageser provided a brief update on Jada's impactful work advancing foundation goals and legislation. Her efforts have laid a strong foundation that will propel SGA toward achieving great things for the student body in the future. Jada will continue her journey at Radford University as she pursues her master's degree and supports the transition by helping onboard the new SGA President, Owen Starr. Other elected officials for 2025/2026 academic year include Vice President, Rylee Meadows; Chief Activities Officer, Nya Roberts; and Chief Financial Officer, Corohn Gregg.

Student Affairs

Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported the Division is on track and continuing to make progress on four (4) goals in the University's two-year plan. These include utilizing Selu as a space for well-being; providing space and programs for students to de-stress, reset and re-center; documenting engagement in programs and events; and improving the quality of service provided to students. One way the Division promotes engagement and well-being is the Residential Engagement Model, which provided support to students in "finding their place." The Club Programming Committee also provided students with funding (\$60,000 per year) allowing students clubs to apply for monies to support club travel, conference participation and campus programming. Selu Conservancy continues to serve as a location for distinctive experiences and programs that support the well-being of students, faculty, staff and families. The first "Stress Less at Selu" was held in March, offering a wide range activities through out the day.

The Highlander Pantry continues to support the well-being of community members with increased usage. The Hunger Free Campus Food Pantry Grant bill passed in the most recent legislative session and is expected to provide grant funding that will further support and help the offerings of the Pantry.

The Compass Program is an initiative supported by a \$1.19 million grant awarded by SCHEV, spanning four (4) years. The program and its staff are “dedicated to supporting the retention and graduation of Pell Eligible undergraduates at Radford University” and “serves as a one-stop advocate to navigate university systems from application to graduation.”

Lastly, Dr. Trageser announced that Radford University has officially been named 2025’s Top Adventure College by the Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine!

Intercollegiate Athletics Report

Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics, reported that this was the second semester that all 16 varsity programs earned a team GPA of at least 3.0 or higher! Fall semester was highlighted by an overall department GPA of 3.50 and 82% of all student-athletes earning 3.0 GPA or higher. 67% of all student-athletes earned a 3.4 GPA or higher and there are 61 student-athletes with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

After 18 months of planning, Athletics is finalizing the strategic plan for the next five (5) years with priorities focusing on four (4) key areas: Student-Athlete Experience, Competitive Excellence, Resource Development and Community Engagement.

Mr. Lineburg reported on competitive excellence by highlighting Women’s Golf winning the Big South Championships (First Ever) and advancing to the NCAA Tournament in Charlottesville, VA. Under first year head coach, Kevin Fagan, the softball program won the regular-season title and advanced to the semi-finals of the Big South Tournament. This also included several individual highlights from the softball program. Athletics shared the dynamic coaching staff for our Men’s basketball, that first year head coach, Zach Chu, was able to assemble. The new staff bring a wide range of experience from the NBA, high level Division I, International and JUCO ranks.

Lastly, Mr. Lineburg, provided an update on all external revenue streams including sponsorship revenue of \$408,750 and \$2,368,227 so far in the FY25 Fund Drive with over 1,400 donors.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the committee, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

End of Board of Visitors Materials

