

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
September 15, 2011**

MINUTES

APPROVED

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Thomas Fraim (Vice Chair)
Ms. Nancy Artis
Mr. Steve Cassaday
Mr. Steve Musselwhite

Also Attending:

Dr. Mark Shanley (Vice President for Student Affairs)
Mr. Don Appiarius (Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students)
Mr. Ken Bonk (Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Student Activities)
Mr. Lee Hicks (SGA President 2011-2012)

Call to Order:

Mr. Thomas Fraim, Vice Chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. and recognized a quorum was present. Ms. Artis moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Steve Cassaday seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cassaday moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting and Ms. Artis seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Fraim then called on Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President for Student Affairs to update the committee on the updates from the Student Affairs Division.

Student Affairs Update:

Dr. Shanley introduced the new Dean of Students, Don Appiarius. He then provided a brief update of several Student Affairs developments that included, increased budgetary and personnel support that helped expand student service needs resulting from enrollment growth. Dr. Shanley shared that expanded late night and weekend programming was providing attractive options to encourage students to stay on campus and a social norming campaign had been introduced to encourage responsible student use of alcohol.

Dr. Shanley reported that a five year contract was awarded to Carilion Health Care to provide Student Health and Counseling Services. He explained that annual policy updates to the Standards of Student Contact had been developed and were under review. Dr. Shanley concluded his report with a brief audio/visual presentation to illustrate the Student Affairs Mission and Goals in Photographic Action.

Mr. Fraim called on Dean Don Appiarius to provide the committee with a housing update. Dean Appiarius reported that 3,137 student moved into on-campus housing and that Madison and Jefferson Hall renovations were completed on time for use in housing 315 delighted residents with new amenities and furnishings. He shared that Moffett Hall renovations were well underway and the new on-line Housing Management System (HMS) greatly streamlined room signup and assignment processes for RU Students.

Mr. Fraim called upon Mr. Ken Bonk, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and the Director of Student Activities to provide an update on Fall Move-in and Opening Weekend. Mr. Bonk related that 2,800 students took part in multiple opening week activities and 226 student organizations, university departments and businesses participated in the largest Club Fair ever at RU. He reported the Lead Scholars program had expanded to offer its first fall Lead 110 class to complement the regular spring course sections.

Student Government Association Update

Mr. Hicks reported on SGA's current efforts to recruit Student Senator Candidates and efforts to re-ignite student interest in Student Government.

Mr. Hicks shared that SGA goals would include creating a better sense of community between student organizations and the whole student body, publicizing SGA activities through ROC-TV, repopulating the Cabinet and Student Senate and lastly, advocating for student issues and concerns that emerge from the SGA Retreat.

New Business:

There was no new business to report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm on a motion by Ms. Artis. Mr. Musselwhite seconded. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
Jenni Tunstall