



**Student Affairs and Athletics Committee**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**September 5, 2024**  
**Mary Ann Jennings Hovis Board Room, Radford, VA**

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**Minutes**

**Committee Members Present**

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

**Board Members Present**

Mr. Marquett Smith,  
Mr. Tyler  
Mr. Jonathan Sweet  
Ms. Jennifer Wishon Gilbert  
Dr. Matthew Close, Faculty Representative

**Others Present:**

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, President  
Ms. Karen Castele, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President  
Mr. Cory Durand, Deputy Athletics Director  
Ms. Jada Freeman, President, Student Government Association  
Ms. Lisa Ghidotti, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives  
Dr. Dannette Gomez-Beane, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Communications  
Mr. Bruce Hayden, Associate Vice President Student Affairs/Dean of Students  
Dr. Rob Hoover, Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO  
Dr. Angela Joyner, Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education  
Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics

Ms. Nancy Loosle, Associate Vice President for Campus Life at RUC  
Mr. Kendall Pete, Director, Housing and Residential Life  
Ms. Susan Richardson, University Counsel  
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

**Call to Order**

Mr. David Smith, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. in the Mary Ann Jennings Hovis Board Room, Radford, Virginia. Mr. Smith welcomed everyone to the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the September 5, 2024, meeting agenda, as published. Mr. James Turk, so moved, Mr. George Mendiola seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024, Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting, as published. Mr. Turk so moved, 3.665 0 T65 0 T0 Tc 0 Tw 8.646d()Tj BTnaTJT0 Tc 0 Tw rov 6

The inaugural Radford Community Fest, an event born through Joint Commission and co-sponsored by the City of Radford and Radford University, was held on Saturday, August 24. Dr. Trageser shared information regarding some of the planning that went into the event as well as several highlights.

Dr. Trageser wrapped up the Student Affairs update by highlighting two upcoming events, the Tartan 5K in Roanoke and Family Weekend.

### **Student Government Association**

Student Government Association President Jada Freeman provided an update on the programs and initiatives the Executive Board, Senate and Cabinet Staff members have planned and collaborated on for the beginning of the semester. This included continued legislative discussions on syllabus access and increasing SGA membership.

SGA members were active in several events, including an opening tailgate to support the Women's Soccer team, a Club Fair, and a First Day Photos event where they took over three hundred photos of students.

Jada Freeman shared that interest meetings for SGA positions are underway and elections will be held soon after.

### **Athletics**

Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics, presented Athletics updates to the committee regarding Academic Excellence. For the second time in the last three years, Radford University led all Big South Institutions with 85.5% of student-athletes on (e)1 (r) (e)1 (s)-1 (t)1 (o)-1 (t) (an)-1.1 (n)-1 (e)g (r)-3 (e)1 (d)-1 ( TJ-0.001

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Fitchett  
Executive Assistant to the  
Vice President for Finance and Administration  
and Chief Financial Officer

End of Board of Visitors Materials

