



Richmond College Student Government Association

2020-2021

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 6, 2020

“To create and ensure the highest quality of life for Richmond College.”

- I. Swearing In:** Ryan Shepard, Gavi Steinman, Amy Bakry, Caio Rodolfo, Derek Gilmore, Scooter Stitcher, Alex Cheatham, Luke Wheatley, and Brian Park are sworn into the body!
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Visitors**
- IV. President’s Report**
- A. The President bids the new senators welcome, and urges them to be advocates for other student leaders.
- B. He’d like to meet with the new members and discuss any personal projects they’re interested in.
- C. Attendance at the Equity Summit was exceptional!
- D. The University has been working on a committee for memorialization of University history, specifically in light of the recent discovery of a slave burial site on-campus. This is an important part of University history, and one that must be reckoned with.
- E. We will be beginning a listening tour and discussion session with this committee on October 12, 20th, and 28th from 7-9 pm
- F. The President has met with CSI multiple times to create a new social scene on campus, and recommends that senators start:
1. Going to CSI social events
 2. Modeling a new conception of social life
- V. Vice Presidents’ Reports**
- A. Academics**

1. The Academic Affairs Committee has been focused on developing a relationship with the Faculty Senate, and working on the new general education curriculum. By the end of this semester, the committee plans to roll out a model for the approval of the Faculty Senate.
2. The Academic Affairs Committee has also been concerned with expanding study spaces and supporting the Africana Studies Student Committee.
3. VP Greven has been working with Dr. Palozzolo in order to rework teacher evaluations.

B. Administration

1. The Administration Committee is focused on elections, interbody cooperation, and amendments to the Constitution.
2. The most prevalent of the Committee's latest amendments is the campus crisis amendment, but on a broader scale, the committee is focused on making the Constitution more tolerant.

C. External Affairs

1. External Affairs is concerned with the body's relationship with student organizations, as well as community outreach.
2. VP Patel met with his WCGA counterpart on Monday to discuss the Equity Summit, and will be meeting with Dr. Morgan Russell regarding the possibility of capitalizing on this cultural moment
3. Senators interested in spreading voting resources should reach out to VP Patel.

D. Finance

1. The Finance Committee manages the finances of all organizations that are student-funded

VI. Class Chair Reports

A. Class of 2021

1. Chairman Malik's counterpart has met with Dean Frankhauser and considered ways of addressing the COVID crisis. They are particularly focused on maintaining the possibility of events in the spring.

B. Class of 2023

1. Chairman Engstrom is working on improving cohesion between 2023 senators and the rest of the body, which is difficult considering the Zoom restrictions. He is also setting up a cornhole tournament.

VII. Dean's Report

A. The campus is adapting well to the ongoing pandemic, all things considered.

B. There was a large gathering over the weekend, and some students will be forced to go home. Don't go to parties!

C. The largest change that comes with the shift to the orange phase has to do with group gathering permissions, and the ability for students to move across dorms.

D. The university has made an addendum to the interim conduct policies; when a case comes forward of their own volition and provides information that can help the university contain the spread, that information cannot be used in subsequent action against them.

E. There will be information released in the next week or two regarding the spring semester (registration, opening policies, and the like).

F. Dean Boehman urges the body to watch a video of Dean Genoni and himself discussing the research done on the burial ground found on the UR campus, as well as a student-made video on the subject.

G. QUESTIONS

1. VP Greven asks what would occur if all participants in a party came forward; would they all be granted immunity? According to Dean Boehman, the university plans to err on the side of leniency.

VIII. Announcements:

A. VP Lawrence: Since we are in the orange phase, and gatherings are once again a possibility, would the body be amenable to meeting in person?

B. Senator Modi: Senator Modi has been working with Sarah from the Bonner Program, who works with elections, in order to spread information for voters and provide greater access to voting resources.

C. VP Patel: WCGA is working on a mental health initiative, and all senators are strongly recommended to reach out to him if interested in helping out.

IX. Open Floor Discussion:

A. If a student has changed dorms, but their mailbox has stayed the same, then they should be cleared to vote.

B. Senator Manley: Students ought to have a say in selecting the replacement for Dr. Crutcher following his resignation

C. Speaker Mehta: What were some general takeaways from the equity summit? Speaker Mehta attended the anti-semitism session, and found it incredibly interesting.

D. VP Lawrence: The equity summit was amazing, and the turnout was inspiring.

E. VP Patel: The body should continue to fuel these thoughtful conversations, and carry on the work that began in the equity summit.

F. Senator Modi: Multiple students have complained that THC is closed over the weekend; this is an issue that Senator Modi is highly interested in, and interested senators should contact him.

X. Closed Meeting

A. DJ Polka's Weekly Jam: I Heard it Through the Grapevine by Marvin Gaye

XI. Adjournment