**THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

**THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**

#### Minutes of the Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee met on Thursday, February 17, 2022, in Ballroom B of the Festival Conference and Student Center at James Madison University. Deborah Tompkins Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

# Present:

Falcon, Chris

Grass, Jeff

Tompkins Johnson, Deborah (Chair)

Warden, Kathy

Welburn, Craig

**Others:**Alger, Jonathan, President

Allen, Dirron, Associate Vice President Student Life and Involvement

Barnes, Dave Director University Unions

Campbell, Kathleen, Interim Director Office of Residence Life

Collier, Jessani, President, Student Government Association

Copeland, Aliyyah Student Liaison, Student Life

French, Jacob, Student Case Administrator, Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices

Goodson, Brenda, Resident Staff, Office of Residence Life

Grossman Leopard, Jennifer, Director Student Life

Hall, Hollie, Dean of Students

Lushbaugh, Wendy, Director Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices

Miller, Tim, Vice President for Student Affairs

Snell, Erin, Student Employee, University Unions

Williams, Xaiver, Student Representative to the Board of Visitors

**Opening Remarks**

Deborah Tompkins Johnson welcomed members and guests.

**Student Affairs Update**

Tim Miller introduced Dr. Hollie Hall, the new Dean of Students. He provided updates about the start of the semester including recent tragedies on and around the JMU campus. He shared an overview of JMU’s past mental health initiatives, goals and plans for the future.

**Student Representative to the Board of Visitors Report**

Xaiver Williams, Student Representative to the Board of Visitors, shared with the committee updates regarding the work he was able to accomplish with Dr. Rudy Molina, the Academic Affairs division, and his priorities for the upcoming semester. He will continue to explore new ways to build upon the success he has seen with providing board members opportunities to engage with students in a meaningful way.

**Student Government Association Report**

Jessani Collier, President of the Student Government Association, continues to advocate for social justice, COVID policies, and environmental-based action. The Student Government Association has been preparing over winter break to carry out their plans related to these concerns. The Leadership Team plans to work with leadership at both JMU and within the General Assembly to help provide better opportunities for JMU and its students.

**Student Life and Involvement Presentation**

Student Life and Involvement is comprised of four departments: Office of Residence Life (ORL), Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices (OSARP), Student Life, and University Unions (UU). Each departmental mission statement conveys a commitment to student learning and development. Student Life and Involvement will address the following divisional priorities during the next six months. The first will focus on improving student well-being through peer-to-peer engagement, the creation of relaxation zones in activity spaces, and addressing basic needs. The second will be analyzing the data from various technologies to improve our understanding of the student experience.

**Student Panel**

Four JMU students representing the Student Life and Involvement area joined the committee to share their experiences at JMU. Each student shared how they became involved and found their communities on campus as well as their involvement with the office they were representing. They were also asked to describe their overall experience at JMU and were also able to ask several questions from Board members.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chris Falcon and seconded by Jeff Grass, the Student Affairs Committee meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Johnson Tompkins, Chair

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Donna Harper, Secretary to the Board