



University Staff Advisory Council

Agenda
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
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Tammy Alexander, Pietra Balsamo, Miriam Blackmon, Ashley Blout, Monica Booker, Amanda Boyd, Matt Dewald, Kolby Ferguson, Stephanie Fillman, Erin Lowery, Mirinda McCants, Yahneet Morton, Jess Oliver, Olivia Roseblum, Kirstin Stacia, Wendy Sheppard, John Shines, Julia Trachtenberg, Keesha Trim, Mary Wheaton, Carol Yeatts, Raymond Tucker, Mina Zatelli.

Jess Oliver called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Featured Speaker: Raymond Tucker, Assistant AD Facilities and Game Operations

Raymond manages scheduling for the Robins Stadium, Robins Center, Pit Field, Crenshaw Field, the tennis courts, and the River Road Soccer fields. This includes scheduling for games, special events, and meeting spaces.

The University of Richmond athletic facilities are ranked #8 in the country. Raymond is a liaison to the Patriot League, Atlantic 10, and NCAA conferences and coordinates postseason bid submissions. He handles all planning and budgeting for these events.

Updates have been made to several of the facilities on campus. The Robins Center has new team plaques, the old basketball court is now administrative offices, and there are plans for a new baseball practice facility.

The UR Men's lacrosse team is ranked #2 in the country, and this spring, Raymond and the athletics department will host the Inaugural Men's Lacrosse A-10 Championship for the first time. Recently, the UR football team made its way over to the Patriot League.

Chair's Report (Jess Oliver)

Jess opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their support of the Women's Basketball team at the USAC event on February 25th. It was a great time, and the ladies closed their last home game of the season with a 72-46 blowout win against Rhode Island!

The 11th Annual Spiders in the Know is on May 13th, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM in Camp Concert Hall. USAC will need volunteers for ushering.

On March 4th, an email went out about USAC Executive Team nominations. Those nominated for positions will be notified by March 20th.

There are committee openings in several areas that need to be filled. Elections will take place for the following areas:

Athletics (1)
Advancement (1)
Academic Affairs (4)
Business Affairs (3)

Positions open:

Benefit Committee
PIT-Facilities
Campus Plan
Faculty Senate
Planning & Priorities Staff (1-year term, expiring 2027)

If you know of anyone who may be interested in filling a spot in these areas, please encourage them to apply.

The final meeting of the academic year will be held on June 10th at the Jepson Alumni Center. More details to follow.

Treasury Report and Approval of the Minutes (Mina Zatelli)

Minutes approved by several members of the committee.

YTD Budget:

Budget: \$5,878

Spent: \$1,895.82

Remaining Balance: \$3,979.18

Reports from Committees and Liaisons

There were no updates from the Faculty Senate (Cort Schneider), Benefits Committee (Jess Oliver), Campus Plan (Monica Booker), Food Service Involvement Team (Amanda Boyd), Communications (Erin Lowery, Mary Wheaton)

- Planning & Priorities (Miriam Blackmond) The compensation meeting has been moved to next week.
- Plant Involvement Team (John Shines) Concern over the stop sign by the burial ground needs to be addressed as it has become a safety hazard.
- Events & Engagement (Justin Woodson & Mina Zatelli) Mina thanked those who came to the USAC-sponsored Women's Basketball event in February. There was a great turnout!
- Elections (Yahneet Morton) Communication has been sent about executive team nominations. There are several committee spots (listed above) that need to be filled. Please check Spider Bytes for the call for nominations.

Web Submissions (Mirinda McCants)

Six web submissions were received this month. One addressed PSAT/SAT/ACT prep courses, noting they no longer include youth-focused programs. Two submissions focused on loan forgiveness, requesting greater awareness during onboarding or orientation and improved visibility on the HR website; HR is currently drafting content and expects to update the site in the coming weeks. Another submission proposed adding a daily connector route south of the river with a stop near Stony Point; this has been forwarded to the Chief and will be reviewed by the Transportation Planning Committee, which is discussing route options, shuttle services, and a potential Uber partnership, with a meeting scheduled in April. Additionally, feedback on the SAVY student loan benefit recommended transitioning to an online, dynamic form with an electronic signature through URHR; the program applies to employees in nonprofit and teaching roles.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm

Closed Session

Announcements:

11th annual Spiders in the Know, May 13, 8:30 am -11 am at Camp Concert Hall

The last USAC Meeting of the academic year will take place on June 10th in the Jepson Alumni Center. Details forthcoming.