

## **Board of Visitors**

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 8:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 8, 2019 PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM THIRD FLOOR, MARTIN HALL, RADFORD, VA

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## **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Mark S. Lawrence, Chair and Rector Mr. Robert A. Archer, Vice Rector Mr. Gregory A. Burton Ms. Krisha Chachra Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston Dr. Debra K. McMahon

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill, President Ms. Karen Casteele, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President Ms. Ashley Schumaker, Chief of Staff and Vice President for University Relations Mr. Allen T. Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark S. Lawrence, Rector, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the President's Conference Room in Martin Hall.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rector Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2019 agenda, as published. Dr. Debra McMahon so moved, Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rector Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the December 7, 2018 minutes of the Executive Committee. Dr. Johnston so moved, Vice Rector Robert A. Archer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Brian O. Hemphill briefed the Committee on the recent activities related to the Jefferson College of Health Sciences merger, including the recently passed legislation and next steps in the

approval process. He commended the work of the many committee members and other individuals who have worked diligently through every step in making the merger a reality. President Hemphill discussed the recent devastation felt on campus following the death of Alexa Cannon. President Hemphill added that the actions and events following the distressing news demonstrated the caring nature of the Highlander family as the campus celebrated her life in an emotional ceremony and vigil.

Rector Lawrence asked to members to be mindful of the current issues affecting higher education and the importance of the contributions that higher education make toward the vitality of the Commonwealth's economy.

## **UPDATES FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following provided a brief verbal summary of the respective Committee meetings held on February 7, 2019:

- Mr. Gregory A. Burton, Chair, Business Affairs and Audit Committee;
- Ms. Krisha Chachra, Chair, University Advancement, University Relations and Enrollment Management Committee;
- Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes, Chair, Governance, Administration and Athletics Committee;
- Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair, Academic Excellence and Research Committee; and
- Dr. Debra McMahon, Chair, Student Success Committee.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Rector Lawrence requested a motion to move into closed session. Vice Rector Archer made the motion that the Executive Committee of the Radford University Board of Visitors convene a closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) Items 1, 3 and 7 under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the discussion of personnel matters; the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose; consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff pertaining to a current EEOC complaint; and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters. Dr. Johnston seconded the motion. The Executive Committee went into closed session at 8:35 a.m.

#### **RECONVENED SESSION**

On motion made by Dr. Fowlkes and seconded by Dr. McMahon, the following resolution of certification was approved by a roll call vote.

### **Resolution of Certification**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Radford University Board of Visitors certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Roll Call	Vote
Mr. Mark Lawrence, Rector	Yes
Mr. Robert A. Archer, Vice Rector	Yes
Mr. Gregory A. Burton	Yes
Ms. Krisha Chachra	Yes
Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes	Yes

Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston	Yes
Dr. Debra McMahon	Yes

The resolution of certification was unanimously adopted.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Rector Lawrence requested a motion to adjourn. Vice Rector Archer made the motion, Dr. McMahon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Karen Casteele Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President