

APPROVED

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

MINUTES

Members present:

Mr. Randal J. Kirk, Rector
Mr. Thomas E. Fraim, Jr., Vice-Rector
Ms. Nancy E. Artis
Mr. Robert L. Blake
Mr. C. Nelson Harris
Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis
Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite
Dr. Cora S. Salzberg
Dr. James G. Lollar (non-voting advisory faculty representative)

Members absent:

Ms. Nancy H. Agee
Mr. Mark R. Pace

Others present:

Ms. Penelope W. Kyle, President
Ms. Alison Landry, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Wil Stanton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Donna VanCleave, Vice President of Finance and Administration

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. R. J. Kirk, Rector of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., Wednesday, January 30, 2008, in the One James Center/McGuire Woods Board Room.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Dr. Cora Salzberg made a motion to approve the agenda for the January 30, 2008, Board of Visitors meeting. Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rector Kirk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2007, meeting of the Board of Visitors, as distributed. Mr. Bob Blake made the motion; Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Ms. Nancy Artis, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, summarized for the Board Dr. Jim Lollar's Faculty Senate report; work continues in the areas of: salary inversion and compression, workload issues, the streamlining of internal governance, the implementation of the Strategic Plan, and the revision of the Core Curriculum.

Dr. Wil Stanton, Provost, briefed the Board on the dean searches. He explained that Radford University hired the dean for the Graduate College, Dr. Dennis Grady, but three dean positions remain vacant: the College of Business and Economics, the College of Humanities and Behavioral Science, and the College of Science and Technology. Dr. Stanton stressed the importance of filling the vacancies with qualified personnel.

President Kyle added that a consultant has been contacted for assistance in locating candidates for the position of Vice Provost of Enrollment Planning and Management.

Ms. Artis presented an update on the Core Curriculum. She emphasized to the Board the commitment of the faculty and the General Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (GECAC) to the development of a Core Curriculum that would provide a solid educational base for RU students. She then provided the Board members with a copy of the New General Education Proposal, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment A and made a part hereof.

Ms. Artis pointed out that any core curriculum must meet the guidelines of the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU), the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and, in addition, the curriculum must adhere to accreditation programs.

Following the review of the proposal and the discussion of the Conceptual Framework, Dr. Cora Salzberg made a motion to adopt the Conceptual Framework for the Core Curriculum with the stipulation that Dr. Stanton will review the current general education courses. Rector Kirk amended the recommendation to include that the general education courses will be tightened up to provide students with a better learning experience and that a report be submitted by February 15, 2008, at which time the Board of Visitors will consider adopting the Conceptual Framework. Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., seconded the amended motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Although there were no recommendations brought before the Board, Mr. Nelson Harris, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting that was held December 14, 2007. Mr. Harris stated that Robert Lineburg, Athletic Director, would present updates on RU athletics at the Student Affairs Committee meetings.

Chair Harris briefed the Board on various items related to Radford University's athletics: School spirit and "Dread the Red" campaign; Involvement and support from the local businesses; and Homecoming as a campus focus.

In conclusion, members of the Board of Visitors commended the Athletic Director and the Athletic Department for their enthusiasm and effort in promoting Radford University.

REPORT FROM FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

In the absence of Mr. Mark Pace, Chair of the Business Affairs Committee, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ms. Donna VanCleave, informed the Board that the Committee had not met since the last Board meeting and thus had no report.

Ms. VanCleave distributed to the Board an update on the 2008 General Assembly Session and Governor Kaine's 2008-2010 Operating and Capital Budget Recommendations for Radford University, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and made a part hereof.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis, Board of Visitors Liaison to the Radford University Foundation Board, reported that the RU Foundation Board of Directors had not met since the last Board of Visitors meeting. Mrs. Hovis assured the Board that a previous administrative matter would be reviewed at the next RU Foundation Finance Committee meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kyle shared the letter of appreciation from Dr. Charles Steger, President of Virginia Tech, for the resolution that was adopted by the RU Board of Visitors.

President Kyle reported that the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools awarded Radford University membership at Level V, which allows RU to offer the Doctor of Psychology and Counseling degree. She further informed the Board that Level V institutions are accredited to offer three or fewer doctoral degrees.

President Kyle announced that Dr. Charles ("Cliff") Boyd, Radford University Professor of Anthropology, was named a recipient of Virginia's highest honor for faculty, the

Outstanding Faculty Award. A formal presentation will be made in Richmond in February.

In her closing remarks, President Kyle provided the Board with information concerning personnel changes within the Alumni Affairs office and the additional hiring of personnel within the University Advancement office.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., moved that the Board convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711-(A)(1) and 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purpose of "Discussion of Personnel Matters" and "Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property." Mr. Bob Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENED SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the public was invited to return to the meeting. Rector Kirk called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., to make the motion to return to open session.

Certification of Executive Meeting

WHEREAS, the Radford University Board of Visitors has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Radford University Board of Visitors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Radford University Board of Visitors.

VOTE:	yes – Ms. Nancy Artis	yes – Mr. Bob Blake
	yes – Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr.	yes – Mr. Nelson Harris
	yes – Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis	yes – Mr. R. J. Kirk
	yes – Mr. Stephen Musselwhite	yes – Dr. Cora Salzberg

Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson Harris, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., unanimous approval was given to appoint Ms.

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Juliann Abercrombie as the Non-Voting Advisory Student Representative to the Board of Visitors for the remainder of the 2007-2008 term.

Mrs. Hovis stated that following a discussion in the closed session regarding pay equity issues and the effect of the assumption of new duties, she would like to move the following compensation adjustment, and Mrs. Artis seconded the motion:

Effective January 30, 2008, the annual base salary for the Vice President for Students Affairs, shall be \$146,500.

ADJOURNMENT

The Rector announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2008, in Radford, Virginia. The Committees of the Board will meet on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. With no further business to come before the Board, the Rector adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.

Carlene Alvis, Secretary
Radford University Board of Visitors