

APPROVED

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008

MINUTES

Members present:

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

Others present:

Cathy Greenberg, Interim Vice President of University Advancement
John Hachtel, Vice President of University Relations
Danny Kemp, Vice President of Information Technology
Jo Kiernan, Special Assistant to the President
Ms. Penelope W. Kyle, President
Dr. Norleen Pomerantz, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Rick Slavings, Vice Provost of Academic Administration
Dr. Wil Stanton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Donna VanCleave, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Faculty, staff, students, guest, and media

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. R. J. Kirk, Rector of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2008, in the Martin Hall Board Room.

Rector Kirk asked President Kyle to have any special guests introduced. President Kyle called on Mr. John Hachtel, Vice President University Relations, who introduced Mr. Tim Thornton, a reporter from *The Roanoke Times*.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Robert Blake, Acting Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, made a motion to amend the agenda to include a recommendation for the Board to reaffirm the Policy Regarding Notification of Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency. Mr. R. J. Kirk, Rector, made a motion to amend the agenda by placing the President's Report following the Committee Reports. Ms. Nancy Artis made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 24, 2008, Board of Visitors meeting, as amended. 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 January 30, 2008, meeting of the Board of Visitors, as distributed. Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis made the motion; Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

As part of the Academic Affairs Committee report, Ms. Nancy Artis, Chair, moved the following resolutions be adopted. The resolutions were approved unanimously.

Resolution for Approval to Award Faculty Tenure, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment A and made a part hereof.

Resolution for Approval of the Proposed Changes to the *Teaching and Research Faculty Handbook*, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and made a part hereof.

Resolution for the Approval of the Radford University Workforce Transition Option (RU-WTO), a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment C and made a part hereof.

Resolution for Approval to Submit the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Proposal to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment D and made a part hereof.

REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Mark Pace, Chair, moved the following resolutions be adopted. The resolutions were approved unanimously.

Resolution for the Approval of Radford University Guidelines for Projects under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) of 2002, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment E and made a part hereof.

Resolution for the Approval of the Radford University Workforce Transition Option (RU-WTO)

Resolution for the Approval of 2008-2009 Tuition and Fees, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment F and made a part hereof.

Resolution for the Approval of the infusion of \$9,084,617 of additional funding from university auxiliary cash balances for the Dedmon Center Renovation Project to support the appropriation and fund the current scope of the \$15,784,617 project.

REPORT FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

As part of the Student Affairs Committee report, Mr. Robert Blake, Acting Chair, moved the following resolutions be adopted. The resolutions were approved unanimously.

Resolution for the Approval of the Radford University Threat Assessment Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment G and made a part hereof.

Resolution for Approval of the Radford University Campus-wide Weapons Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment H and made a part hereof.

Resolution to Reaffirm the Radford University Policy Regarding Notification of Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment I and made a part hereof.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kyle shared with the Board recent accomplishments and activities at Radford University.

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, and he has also been nominated by RU for the CASE Professor of the Year.

Among other items President Kyle mentioned in her report was the Radford University Student Awards Ceremony, RU's 17th Annual International Banquet, the establishment of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, and the implementation of the new Banner Administrative system.

President Kyle stated that a major accomplishment in Richmond for Radford University was the Governor's signature on legislation defining Level II criteria as required by the 2005 Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act,

which will provide additional decentralization opportunities in the functional areas of information technology, procurement, and capital projects.

The President reported the addition of four new deans to Radford University: Dr. Dennis Grady, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Dr. Faye Gilbert, College of Business and Economics, Dr. Brian Conniff, College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences, and Dr. Orion Rogers, College of Science and Technology. Also named was Lynn Zoch as the founding director of the new School of Communication.

Kyle reviewed the accomplishments of RU's athletics: the women's basketball team had a record-breaking season with a 23-12 record; the baseball team currently has 16 victories; the women's softball team has a 37-13 record; the men's tennis earned its second straight Big South Championship title; and the Radford University Rugby Club advanced to the Division II national championship match.

In her closing remarks, President Kyle recognized Mr. R. J. Kirk, Rector of Radford University Board of Visitors, as the recipient of the Virginia's Outstanding Industrialist of the Year award.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rector Kirk informed the Board of a yearlong dialogue with two investment companies: UVMCO (University of Virginia Investment Management Company) and Spider Management Company of the University of Richmond. The Rector asked for support from the Board for Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis, BOV Liaison to the RU Foundation Board, to engage in a dialogue with the Foundation to consider entering into a relationship with an investment management firm for the purpose of managing the bulk of the Foundation's assets. Members of Radford University's Board of Visitors supported the action.

Mrs. Hovis, Liaison to the RU Foundation Board, reported on actions taken by the Executive Committee of the Radford University Foundation.

Rector Kirk announced the appointment of Mr. Nelson Harris, Mr. Steve Musselwhite, and Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis, Chair, to the Nominating Committee as stipulated in Article 1, Section 5 of Radford University's Board of Visitors By-Laws.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., moved that the Board convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711-(A)(1), 2.2-3711(A)(3), and 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purpose of "Discussion of Personnel Matters" that involve the non-renewal of contracts, discussion of proposed candidates considered for new positions and/or upcoming vacancies, and the evaluation of the performance of certain

individuals, "Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property," and "Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation" involving a complaint of discrimination that has been filed. Ms. Nancy Agee 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's 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 Agee	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 Musslewhite
	yes – Mr. Mark Pace	yes – Dr. Cora Salzberg

Upon a motion by Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis and seconded by Mr. Robert Blake, unanimous approval was given to appoint Ms. Juliann Abercrombie as the Non-Voting Advisory Student Representative to the Board of Visitors for the 2008-2009 term.

Upon a motion by Ms. Nancy Agee, seconded by Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., which resulted from discussions in the Closed Session, the Board voted unanimously to enter into negotiations with the President to amend and extend the President's contract with the

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University in order to retain her services as President for an additional five years. The Rector appointed Board member Nancy Agee to represent the Board and work with the President to develop a new contract that will be executed by both the Board and the President.

ADJOURNMENT

The Rector announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2008, in Radford, Virginia. The Committees of the Board will meet on Wednesday, September 3, 2008. With no further business to come before the Board, the Rector adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Carlene Alvis, Secretary
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