



**RADFORD UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD ROOM – MARTIN HALL  
RADFORD, VIRGINIA  
10:30 A.M.  
MAY 8, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Milton C. Johns, Chair  
Ms. Ruby W. Rogers, Vice Chair  
Mr. Matthew B. Crisp  
Dr. Kevin R. Dye  
Mr. Steve A. Robinson  
Dr. Jerry M. Kopf, faculty representative (non-voting, advisory member)  
Ms. Linda K. Whitley-Taylor, Rector  
Ms. Mary Waugh Campbell, Vice Rector

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Callie M. Dalton  
Mr. Michael S. Hurt  
Mr. Randolph “Randy” J. Marcus  
Ms. Alethea “A.J.” Robinson  
Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham  
Mr. Michael A. Wray  
Ms. Katrina Koussis, student representative (non-voting, advisory member)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

President Penelope W. Kyle

Mr. Richard Alvarez, Vice President for Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Joe Carpenter, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Communications Officer  
Mr. Danny M. Kemp, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer  
Dr. Sam Minner, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President for Student Affairs

Other faculty and staff of Radford University

Mr. Ronald Forehand, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Mr. Mike F. Melis, Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia

Dr. James Burke, Performance Management Group  
Ms. Linda Pierce, Performance Management Group

Ms. Michele N. Schumacher, Secretary to the Board of Visitors

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Milton C. Johns, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. in the Board Room in Martin Hall, on the campus of Radford University, Radford, Virginia.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Johns asked for a motion to approve the May 8, 2014 meeting agenda as published. Ms. Ruby Rogers made the motion and Dr. Kevin R. Dye seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Johns asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting of the Committee as published. Dr. Dye so moved and Ms. Rogers seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

Dr. Jerry M. Kopf, Faculty Senate President, provided a report regarding the changing nature of faculty work, as well as the structure and activities of the Radford University Faculty Senate. A copy of Dr. Kopf's report is attached hereto as *Attachment A* and is made a part hereof. Dr. Kopf then introduced Dr. Carter Turner, Vice President of the Faculty Senate, who provided an oral report on the Faculty Morale Survey results.

### **REPORT FROM THE PROVOST**

Dr. Sam Minner, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided the Committee with updates on the search for the new Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, on the Language and Culture Institute @ Radford University and on the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship and its activities. He also informed the Committee of the faculty promotions and faculty who were awarded Emeriti status. Mr. James Pennix, Dean of Admissions, provided a report on enrollment and noted that the target goals for new freshman have been met. Dr. William Kennan, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Dr. Matthew

Dunleavy, Interim Director of Academic Affairs, reported on several new programs including a new Teaching English Language Arts with Technology program, a new Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Bioethics, and a new pilot program entitled RU Accelerate for new freshmen high achievers. A copy of the reports is attached hereto as *Attachment B* and is made a part hereof. A copy of the list of faculty promotions and faculty awarded Emeriti status is attached hereto as *Attachments C and D* which are made a part hereof.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Faculty Tenure Recommendation:**

Dr. Minner noted in recommending tenure there is a very thorough process that the University follows including but not limited to input from the faculty, department chairs, and deans, and that the list of the individuals for whom the University is requesting tenure have met the requirements. The Committee then discussed the faculty tenure recommendations and Mr. Johns asked for a motion to approve the faculty tenure recommendations to go forward to the Board of Visitors for approval. Mr. Crisp so moved and Ms. Rogers seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously carried. A copy of the Resolution of Tenure Recommendations is attached hereto as *Attachment E* and is made a part hereof.

### **Veteran Transfer Credit:**

Dr. Dunleavy explained that this action item will bring Radford University's policy on Veteran Transfer Credit Proposal in compliance with newly enacted legislation by the Virginia General Assembly as well as the guidelines that were developed by SCHEV (State Council of Higher Education for Virginia). Mr. Johns asked for a motion to approve the resolution recommending that the full Board approve the changes to Radford University Transfer Credit Policy. Ms. Rogers so moved and Mr. Crisp seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as *Attachment F* and made a part hereof.

### **M.S. in Data and Information Management (DAIM):**

Dr. William Kennan indicated that this program is designed to both enhance students' existing capabilities and develop specialized competencies and skills to prepare them for advanced careers in administrative, architectural, and leadership positions in information management and referred the Board to the Executive Summary which is included in their Board materials. If approved, a Master of Science in Data and Information Management would be the first such program in Virginia and the first STEM-H graduate program exclusively offered in the College of Science and Technology. Dr. Minner noted that this proposal has been sent to SCHEV (State Council of Higher Education for Virginia) and we are awaiting their approval; thereafter Radford University would still need to seek ultimate approval from SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).

Mr. Johns asked for a motion to approve the resolution recommending that the Board of Visitors approve the M.S. in Data and Information Management program. Dr. Dye so moved and Mr. Crisp seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed. A copy of the Executive Summary and the Resolution to Recommend to Board Approval of the Master of Science in Data and

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Information Management is attached hereto as *Attachment G* and is made a part hereof.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Johns, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele N. Schumacher  
Secretary to the Board of Visitors