

APPROVED

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS**

December 4, 2006

MINUTES

Members present:

Mr. Randal J. Kirk, Rector
Ms. Nancy H. Agee, Vice-Rector
Ms. Nancy E. Artis
Mr. Bob Blake
Mr. Thomas E. Fraim, Jr.
Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis
Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite
Mr. Mark R. Pace
Dr. Cora Salzberg
Ms. Karen H. Waldron
Dr. Jack Call (non-voting advisory faculty representative)
Mr. Martin Mash (non-voting advisory student representative)

Members absent:

Mr. C. Nelson Harris

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. RJ Kirk, Rector of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., Monday, December 4, 2006, in the Martin Hall Board Room.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Rector Kirk asked for a motion that the agenda for the December 4, 2006, meeting be approved. Mr. Musselwhite made the motion; Mr. Pace seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rector Kirk stated that before requesting a motion for approval of the September 14, 2006, meeting minutes Ms. Nancy Artis had some modifications. Ms. Artis requested that the Board of Visitors receive a copy of the abbreviated minutes before they are posted on the Board of Visitors website. She also stated that in the minutes from the September 14, 2006, meeting, motions were recorded as being made by individuals that

were not Board members, so that needed to be corrected. Mr. Fraim motioned to approve the September 14, 2006, meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Pace seconded and the motion carried.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Karen Waldron, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported that most of the discussion in their meeting was concerning how the committee would communicate and work together. Ms. Waldron stated that Dr. Claire Waldron, President of the Faculty Senate, reported that the Commission for the Future of Radford University has been working to update the Strategic Plan. The Commission has received 2000 survey responses and the main items of consensus emerging were focusing on academic excellence and enhancement of the image of Radford University.

Ms. Karen Waldron said Dr. Ivelaw Griffith, Provost, will meet with the Committee in early January to decide the goals the Committee would like to accomplish. She reported that the administrative searches for the four vacant Dean positions, including the Deans of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Development, Information Science and Technology, and the Waldron College of Health and Human Services, are continuing. Discussion on the general education requirement was tabled until the next committee meeting.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mark Pace, Chair of the Business Affairs Committee, made a motion that the Resolutions as detailed in the Agenda Book be approved. Mr. Bob Blake seconded the motion, and after discussion, the motion carried.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Thomas Fraim, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, stated that Mr. Rick Slavings, Vice President of Planning and Research, reported that Radford University has a 56% graduation rate, which is up from 51% last year. Mr. Martin Mash, Student Government Association (SGA) President, updated the Committee on SGA activities. Mr. Mash reported that RU students and Radford City have a good working relationship and are looking forward to what they can accomplish this year. Mr. Fraim said that the Student Affairs Committee will be concentrating on the following topics: the Institutional Performance Standards as they relate to students, career preparation, and the perceptions of the University by students, community and alumni.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Rector Kirk gave special recognition to Dr. Donna Boyd. In February, Dr. Boyd received a Virginia Outstanding Professor Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the highest accolade given to college and university professors in the Commonwealth. Most recently, Dr. Boyd was named the U.S. Professor of the Year for

master's level universities and colleges by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement in Teaching. Rector Kirk motioned that Dr. Donna Boyd be designated as an Eminent Professor. Ms. Nancy Agee seconded and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS BY-LAWS

Rector Kirk discussed possible changes to the Radford University Board of Visitors By-Laws for the Board to consider. Some modifications include changing the responsibility of preparing the Agenda for the Board meetings from the President to the Rector of the Board, empowering the Committees of the Board so that they may accomplish more, and giving the Executive Committee authority to take action. Rector Kirk requested that any Board members who had suggestions for changes in the By-Laws send them to Ms. Agee, Vice Rector.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kyle stated how proud she was of Dr. Donna Boyd and Radford University at the ceremony she attended where Dr. Boyd was named "U.S. Professor of the Year." She requested the Board's support to allow her to honor Dr. Boyd in various ways in the future.

President Kyle introduced Danny Kemp, the new Vice President for Information Technology, and said she was looking forward to great things from that area. She reported that Ms. Linda Kipps, Executive Assistant to the President, will be moving to Information Technology as Mr. Kemp's Executive Assistant. She introduced Ms. Carlene Alvis as her new Executive Assistant.

President Kyle thanked everyone for their support with her Inauguration. The special guests, including Symposium speakers, friends from her previous employment, and faculty, staff, and students from Radford University were mentioned proudly.

President Kyle announced that a Chief Development Officer had been chosen and that details were still being worked out. The Chief Communication Officer will be the next position to fill. She stated that Dr. Pomerantz, Vice President for Student Affairs, is in the process of hiring an interim Registrar while the search for a new Registrar continues.

President Kyle stated that she would like the Commission on the Future to finish their tasks and that she hopes the Strategic Plan will be finalized as soon as possible.

President Kyle thanked Rector Kirk for organizing the Committees and Committee Meetings, she believes this new process will help get more accomplished.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Agee made a motion, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711-1 and 2.2-3711-3 of the Freedom of Information Act, that the Board go into “Executive Session” 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.” Seconded by Mr. Blake and the motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion: Ms. Agee
Second: Mr. Blake

Resolution No. 1
Meeting Date: December 4, 2006

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 Agee
 yes – Ms. Nancy Artis
 yes – Mr. Bob Blake
 yes – Mr. Thomas Fraim
 yes – Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis
 yes – Mr. R. J. Kirk
 yes – Mr. Mark R. Pace
 yes – Dr. Cora Salzberg
 yes – Ms. Karen Waldron

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Linda W. Kipps, Secretary
Radford University Board of Visitors