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Re: Recommendation for Academic Values Underlying General Education

During Summer 2018, fourteen Teaching and Research faculty from across campus and Roanoke locations and eight non-voting advisory members of the academic and student community came together to identify the academic values underlying general education. In the beginning, the team defined academic values.

“Academic values inspire and guide Radford University student experiences in general education.”

The next stage of the team’s work focused on reviewing potential academic values from many sources. In addition to examining academic institutions, these individuals sought information from many other arenas and now seek input from the campus and broader Radford community.

To that end, the Radford University Academic Values Exploration Team recommends the following academic values for general education:

Exploration: Going beyond one’s limits to experience diverse subjects and disciplines for innovative learning and opportunities for self-discovery.

Tagline: “Forge your own path.”

Evaluation: The ability to discern and use reasoning, critical thinking, and evidence-based research to make informed decisions.

Tagline: “Transform information into insight.”

Engagement: Integrating knowledge, methods, and experiences to establish connections across concepts, disciplines, and communities.

Tagline: “Become more than the sum of our parts.”