

APPROVED

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

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.
Mr. C. Nelson Harris
Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis
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)

Member absent:

Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite

Others present:

President Penelope W. Kyle
Dr. Wil Stanton
Mr. Danny Kemp
Ms. Jo Ann Kiernan
Ms. Sherri Mylott
Dr. Norleen Pomerantz
Dr. Rick Slavings
Ms. Donna VanCleave
Faculty, staff, students, guests, and media

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. R. J. Kirk, Rector of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m., Thursday, May 24, 2007, in the Martin Hall Board Room.

Rector Kirk asked President Penelope Kyle to introduce any special guests. Rob Tucker, from University Relations, presented Anna Mallory, news reporter for *The Roanoke Times*.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Nancy Agee made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 24, 2007, Board of Visitors meeting. Ms. Nancy Artis, seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rector Kirk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2007, meeting of the Board of Visitors, as distributed. Mr. Bob Blake made the motion; Mr. Mark Pace seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Ms. Karen Waldron, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported the Committee's discussion regarding the granting of tenure to new faculty. Dr. Wil Stanton, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, explained that granting tenure at the time of appointment is rare, but can be done when a faculty member's previous experience and/or extraordinary contributions warrant such action, and when an individual has been selected to assume significant administrative responsibilities where holding tenure would facilitate the individual's duties.

As part of the Academic Affairs Committee report, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

Resolution for Approval of the New Faculty Appointments with Tenure

That the resolution regarding the New Faculty Appointments with Tenure be approved. (A copy of the list detailing such appointment shall be attached hereto as Attachment A and made a part of these minutes.)

Ms. Waldron shared with the Board a request by Dr. Wil Stanton, Interim Provost, to implement the reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Information Science and Technology into two new colleges. The College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Science and Technology would evolve during the summer with an understanding that details would need to be resolved over the next few months.

As part of the Academic Affairs Committee report, the following resolutions were approved unanimously:

Resolution for Approval of Reorganization

That the resolution regarding the Reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Information Science and Technology into two new colleges: the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Science and Technology with implementation on July 1, 2007 be approved.

Resolution for Approval of Delegating Authority

That the resolution to grant authority to the President to continue the development of the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy doctorates, and the President be given the authority to submit completed proposals to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for approval be approved.

REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

As part of the Business Affairs Committee report, Mr. Mark Pace, Chair, moved the following resolutions be adopted. The resolutions were approved unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt a Policy on University Related Foundations

WHEREAS, by prior resolution adopted on May 2, 1997, the Board of Visitors recognized the need to re-examine and to reinforce, where appropriate, the University policies governing the Radford University Foundation, as currently embodied in the "Management Principles for Relationships between Radford University and the Radford University Foundation, Inc." and the accompanying "Guidelines for University-Related Foundations."

WHEREAS, the University has a vital interest in all of its foundations, especially when they solicit funds for the University, manage and invest their assets for the University's benefit, and promote or sponsor programs in support of University activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors recognizes the benefit of the foundations being operated in accordance with sound and generally accepted principles of management and in a manner consistent with the University's purpose, mission, policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, any future established Foundations need guidance, the Board of Visitors finds that the proposed “Policy on University-Related Foundations” is appropriately designed to ensure efficiency and accountability among, and maintain independence and integrity within, all University foundations that are established and operated for the University’s benefit and that use the University’s name and resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the expressed and implied powers of the Board of Visitors to protect and preserve the University’s interests and properties, the “Policy on University-Related Foundation,” attached hereto, be and hereby is approved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President be and hereby is delegated the authority (1) to designate administrative responsibility to ensure sufficient University monitoring of the foundations’ compliance with the Policy; (2) to adjust the sequence or substance of specific reporting requirements in order to minimize any undue burden on, or otherwise to accommodate the unique circumstances of, particular foundations; and (3) to prevail upon the governing boards of foundations to take prompt action to correct any abuses that adversely affect the foundations or the University;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the previously adopted “Management Principles for Relationships with University-Related Foundations,” and the “Guidelines for University-Related Foundations,” shall be replaced by the attached “Policy on University-Related Foundations” on May 24, 2007, when such superseding Policy shall take effect;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Radford University Foundation comply with the “Policy on University-Related Foundations,” and the Vice President for University Advancement proceed to seek acknowledgment by the Foundation of its compliance with the Policy prior to August 23, 2007.

Resolution Establishing The Radford University Athletic Foundation

WHEREAS, private support is essential to the mission and goals of the University; and

WHEREAS, the measured success of the University’s NCAA Division I Athletic Program is a goal of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors has adopted the “Policy on University-Related Foundations,” dated May 24, 2007;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President be and is hereby delegated the authority to establish the Radford University Athletic Foundation in accordance with the Radford University "Policy on University-Related Foundations," dated May 24, 2007.

Resolution Establishing The Radford University Property Acquisition Corp.

WHEREAS, from time to time real properties may come available for acquisition by the University; and

WHEREAS, in some cases the acquisition and management of this property may be more appropriately and expeditiously conducted by a university-related foundation; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on December 4, 2006, the Board authorized the President to establish a foundation to acquire certain property for the benefit of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors has adopted the "Policy on University-Related Foundations," dated May 24, 2007; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the authority granted to the President at the December 4, 2006, meeting is hereby ratified and further, that the President be and is hereby delegated the authority to establish the Radford University Property Acquisition Corp. in accordance with the Radford University "Policy on University-Related Foundations," dated May 24, 2007.

REPORT FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

As part of the Student Affairs Committee report, Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., moved the following resolution be adopted for interim approval. Discussion occurred about the need for clarification on the wording of the law passed during the 2007 General Assembly requiring the governing boards of each state institution of higher education to develop a policy related to students who attempted suicide. Mr. Fraim explained that since the law requires a board-approved policy to be in place by July 1, 2007, he recommended the Board approve the current policy, pending the requested review by the Office of the Attorney General. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution for Approval of Radford University Policy for Students at Risk

That the proposed resolution regarding Radford University Policy for Students at Risk be adopted. (A copy of the policy shall be attached hereto as Attachment B and made a part of these minutes.)

As part of the Student Affairs Committee report, Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., Chair, moved the following resolution be adopted. The resolution was approved unanimously:

Resolution to Request Attorney General's Office to Review the University Policy for Students at Risk

That the proposed resolution for approval of a request to the Attorney General's Office to review the University Policy for Students at Risk be approved. (A copy of the letter shall be attached hereto as Attachment C and made a part of these minutes.)

As part of the Student Affairs Committee report, Ms. Nancy Agee made a motion to send an acknowledgement in the form of a resolution to Virginia Tech and President Steger on the extraordinary performance during the time of the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Mr. Fraim seconded the motion; the motion carried. Ms. Agee will compose the resolution.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kyle reported that Radford University's Spring Commencement received positive comments from faculty, students, and others who attended. After a difficult April, the school year ended on a high note.

President Kyle shared accolades involving two members of the Board. First, Rector R. J. Kirk received the Beta Gamma Sigma Entrepreneurship Medallion for his outstanding innovative business achievement with service to humanity; and Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis received the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Foundation, Inc., of Fairfax County for her work in providing social outreach services in the community.

The President congratulated Dr. James Lollar on his election as the President of the Faculty Senate, and she thanked Dr. Claire Waldron for her years of service as the President of the Faculty Senate.

President Kyle introduced two newly appointed deans: Dr. Raymond Linville, the Dean of the Waldron College of Health and Human Services; and Dr. Patricia Shoemaker, the Dean of the College of Education and Human Development.

President Kyle shared with the Board of Visitors that the Dean of Students, Michael Mardis, would be leaving Radford University to accept the position of Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at the University of Louisville. The President thanked Mr. Mardis for his service and dedication to Radford University.

The President announced a new partnership between Radford University and the New College Institute located in Martinsville. As a part of the partnership, degree programs

will be offered in Nursing and Information Technology and graduate courses will be taught for current science teachers seeking endorsement in Earth Science.

President Kyle reported on the status of the University's emergency preparedness and safety plan. A full report will be available soon.

Radford University will host, for the sixth year, the Virginia High School League Spring Jubilee at the Dedmon Center from June 7-9. President Kyle added that the contract has recently been extended for two more years. The event brings to the campus 8,000-9,000 people from high schools all over the state during the three-day event.

President Kyle reported on athletics at Radford University. Radford University's student athletes continue to excel academically with 55% of RU's athletes achieving a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher. The men's tennis team won their first Big South Conference Championship and an invitation to the NCAA National Championship. The softball team broke the University's record with 44 wins in a season. The women's basketball team received an invitation to compete in the 2007 Preseason WNIT.

President Kyle asked Dr. Norleen Pomerantz, Vice President for Student Affairs, for an update on the freshmen fall enrollment. Dr. Pomerantz reported that enrollment is expected to be 1,840 to 1,930 students.

The President presented an overview of the Presidential Advisory Council meeting, which hosted 52 members.

President Kyle informed the Board that, as is always the case, building renovations are scheduled for the summer months, and she offered a tour at the end of the Board meeting.

The President also reported that SCHEV had sent a preliminary faculty salary peer group analysis with a list of 75 possible peer institutions. Radford University is analyzing the list to identify the 25 institutions that Radford will recommend to SCHEV as RU's new peer group.

In the closing remarks, President Kyle stated that she, Dr. Stanton, and Dr. Slavings had met with the Strategic Plan Drafting team. The document will be prepared for the Board of Visitors to review at the August meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis, the Board liaison to the Radford University Foundation Board, gave a report from the last meeting of the Board. She shared with the Board the outcome of the Radford University Foundation Board elections.

President Kyle invited the Board of Visitors to meet with the House Appropriations Committee June 27, 2007 when the committee and its staff tour the RU campus. The Board members will receive details when they become available.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Nancy Agee 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, members of the press, students, and the public were invited to return to the meeting. Rector Kirk called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Nancy Agee to make the motion to return to open session.

Ms. Agee made the following motion:

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 – Mr. Bob Blake
yes – Mr. Nelson Harris
yes – Mr. R. J. Kirk
yes – Dr. Cora Salzberg

yes – Ms. Nancy Artis
yes – Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr.
yes – Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis
yes – Mr. Mark R. Pace
yes – Ms. Karen Waldron

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Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr., Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and seconded by Ms. Nancy Agee, unanimous approval was given to appoint Mr. Regis McKoy as the Non-Voting Advisory Student Representative to the Board of Visitors for 2007-2008.

Upon a motion by Ms. Karen Waldron, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and seconded by Mr. Mark Pace, unanimous approval was given to appoint Dr. James Lollar as the Non-Voting Advisory Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors for 2007-2008.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Mark Pace, Chair of the Business Affairs Committee, and pursuant to a personnel discussion in closed session, the Board unanimously approved a salary of \$175, 000 for the Vice President of Finance and Administration, effective July 1, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The Rector announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2007. With no further business to come before the Board, the Rector adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

Carlene Alvis, Secretary
Radford University Board of Visitors