

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
FEBRUARY 4, 2009

MINUTES

APPROVED

Members present:

Mr. Thomas E. Fraim, Jr., Rector
Ms. Nancy E. Artis, Vice-Rector
Ms. Nancy H. Agee
The Honorable J. Brandon Bell
The Honorable C. Nelson Harris
Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis
Mr. Darius A. Johnson
Mr. Randal J. Kirk
Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite
Mr. Walter Rugaber
Dr. Cora S. Salzberg
Mr. Ronald Wesley
Dr. Wayne Saubert (non-voting advisory faculty representative)

Members absent:

Mr. Mark R. Pace
Ms. Juliann Abercrombie (non-voting advisory student representative)

Others present:

President Penelope W. Kyle
Dr. Wil Stanton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Karen Castele, University Relations
Mr. Michael Hemphill, University Relations
Ms. Alison Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Ms. Lisa Ridpath, Budget Director
Ms. Evelyn Wilson, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration
Mr. Tim Thornton, Roanoke Times Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thomas Fraim, Rector of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2009, in One James Center, 901 East Cary Street, Richmond, VA.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Nelson Harris made a motion to approve the amended agenda for the February 4, 2009, Board of Visitors meeting. Ms. Nancy Artis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rector Fraim asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12-13, 2008, meeting of the Board of Visitors, as distributed. Ms. Nancy Artis made the motion; Ms. Nancy Agee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Rector Fraim asked President Penelope Kyle to introduce any special guests. President Kyle introduced Mr. Michael Hemphill, from the RU University Relations Department, Mr. Tim Thornton with the Roanoke Times Newspaper, and Ms. Alison Landry, Assistant Attorney General from the Attorney General's Office. She also introduced Ms. Karen Castele, from the RU University Relations Department, who led a training session for those participating in RU Advocacy Day on February 5, 2009, after the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Rector Fraim formally welcomed The Honorable J. Brandon Bell, who was appointed to the Board of Visitors by Governor Kaine on November 6, 2008.

REPORT FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Nelson Harris, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met on January 26, 2009 in Roanoke, Va. He described the reaccreditation process that the Radford University Police Department (RUPD) recently underwent. Mr. Harris explained that RUPD was the first university police department to be accredited through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Committee (VLEPSC).

Mr. Harris also reported that Matt Williams, President of the Student Government Association (SGA) presented to the committee the SGA Strategic Plan, which supports the University's 7-17 Strategic Plan. He advised the Board that this is the first multi year strategic plan ever submitted by the SGA. Matt Williams was complimented on his leadership and the implementation of the SGA Strategic Plan.

(A copy of the Student Affairs Committee Report shall be attached hereto as Attachment A and made a part of these minutes.)

Rector Fraim commented on the reaccreditation of the Radford University Police Department. He requested that the Board have a chance to formally thank Chief Roberts at the next board meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

As part of the Business Affairs Committee report, Mr. Stephen Musselwhite, Chair, called for the adoption of the following resolution. Mr. R. J. Kirk moved that the resolution be adopted. Dr. Salzberg seconded the motion and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Approval of Radford University's Resolution of Compliance-Debt Management Policy (A copy of the Resolution shall be attached hereto as Attachment B and made a part of these minutes.)

Mr. Musselwhite reported on other items that were discussed at the Business Affairs Committee Meeting held in Richmond on February 4, 2009. (A copy of the Business Affairs Committee Report shall be attached hereto as Attachment C and made a part of these minutes.)

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Mr. R. J. Kirk, Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee reported that the committee met in Radford, Va., on January 27, 2009 and discussed the Academic Program Reorganization Plan, which was presented to the committee by Provost Wil Stanton. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Kirk proposed the adoption of the Academic Program Reorganization Plan by the Board of Visitors. Ms. Nancy Agee made the motion to approve, Mr. Walter Rugaber seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. (A copy of which shall be attached hereto as Attachment D and made a part of these minutes.)

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Ms. Nancy Agee, Chair of the Governance and Administration Committee, reported that the committee held its first meeting earlier that morning. The committee heard a report from Ms. Cathy Greenberg on fundraising activities. The committee talked briefly about governmental relations and Ms. Agee stated that the committee had no personnel matters to report.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Nancy Agee moved that the Board convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711-(A) (1) of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purpose of “Discussion of Personnel Matters that involve the hiring, promotion, performance, and/or compensation of certain University employees.” Mr. R. J. Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENED SESSION

Following the Closed Session, members of the public were invited to return to the meeting. Rector Fraim called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Nancy Agee to make the motion to return to open session.

Ms. Nancy 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. Darius Johnson
	yes – Ms. Nancy Artis	yes – Mr. R. J. Kirk
	yes – Mr. J. Brandon Bell	yes – Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite
	yes – Mr. Thomas Fraim, Jr.	yes – Mr. Walter Rugaber
	yes – Mr. C. Nelson Harris	yes – Dr. Cora S. Salzberg
	yes – Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis	yes – Mr. Ronald Wesley

REPORT FROM THE RU FOUNDATION LIAISON

Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis made her report to the Board regarding the most recent meeting of the Radford University Foundation Board held on February 3, 2009, in Richmond. She stated that at the meeting, Cathy Greenberg, Vice President of University Relations, gave a report to the Foundation Board on recent fundraising efforts. Mrs. Hovis reported that the Foundation Investment Committee is in the process of interviewing investment firms and will propose a recommendation at the next Foundation Board meeting for a change in investment advisors.

Mrs. Hovis also reported that there had been a discussion about Selu and she informed the Board that the Foundation is pursuing a conservation easement and stream ligation rights for the property. The goal of the Foundation is to make Selu a self-supporting entity.

Mrs. Hovis announced that the Foundation Board had approved the appointment of Mr. Albert Mah as the Executive Director of the Foundation. This will be the first time that the Foundation will have its own employee, separate from the University Advancement Office, that is dedicated to the administration of the Foundation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kyle made the President's report to the Board of Visitors. (A copy of the President's Report shall be attached hereto as Attachment E and made a part of these minutes.)

NEXT MEETING

The Rector announced that the next meeting of the Board of Visitors is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, April 22-23, 2009 in Radford.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Rector adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Kathy Thompson, Secretary
Radford University Board of Visitors