

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BOARD OF VISITORS
10:00 a.m., April 26, 2007
Fralin & Waldron Building in Roanoke, VA

MINUTES

Members present:

Ms. Karen H. Waldron, Chair
Mr. Mark R. Pace
Dr. Jack Call (non-voting advisory faculty representative)

Members absent:

Dr. Cora Salzberg

Others Present:

Dr. Wilbur W. Stanton, Interim Provost
Dr. Steve Lerch, Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Dr. Raymond Linville, Interim Dean Waldron College of Health and Human Services

Discussion Items:

New College Structure (Dr. Wilbur Stanton)

- Names (Science and Technology—hard sciences + math & stat + CIST; Humanities and Behavioral Sciences)
- Interim Deans (Joe Chase in Science & Technology; Judy Niehaus in Humanities & Behavioral Sciences)
- Begin search for permanent deans in early fall . . . look for those good at fundraising

OT/PT (Dr. Raymond Linville)

- History of proposal
- Strong demand for O & P Therapists
- Fit w/RU mission
- Strong endorsement from Karen Waldron and Mark Pace

Academic and Career Advising (Dr. Steve Lerch)

- Webinar on assessing student learning outcomes
- Teleconference on academic and career advising
- Steve Lerch meeting with Kathy Jordan—discussion of early assessments so that students receive more expeditious placement in majors
- Future plans
 - Organize task force in May
 - Advising Committee retreat in July
 - Advising Summit in September or October, with NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) representative present

- Budget initiative: begin to replace graduate student advisors with professional advising staff

Assessment of Learning Outcomes (Dr. Steve Lerch)

- Increased assessment demands (SCHEV competencies, SACS, accrediting agencies, etc.)
- Budget initiative: assessment coordinator in each college; creates assessment network with spoke and wheel concept. Will facilitate university-wide and programmatic assessment

Assessment of Entering Abilities of New Students (Dr. Wilbur Stanton and Dr. Steve Lerch)

- When, where, how of “academic boot camp” approach
- How to enhance students’ ability to succeed
- Possible partnership with Community Colleges

SCHEV-suggested after-school Program (Dr. Wilbur Stanton)

- Bring 3rd – 8th graders to RU after school to expose them to campus
- Would be taught/monitored by RU students and faculty
- Many concerns: transportation, liability, *etc.*
- Karen Waldron and Mark Pace did not endorse

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at Noon.

Kathy Thompson, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,
Carlene Alvis, Secretary
Radford University Board of Visitors