

Radford University
Academic Affairs Committee
DRAFT Minutes
September 9, 2009

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
BOARD OF VISITORS**

September 9, 2009, 2:00 pm – 2:55 pm

APPROVED

Members Present:

Mr. Thomas E. Fraim Jr., Rector
Ms. Nancy E. Artis, Vice Rector
Dr. Wil W. Stanton, Provost
Mr. Walter F. Rugaber, Interim Chair
Dr. Cora S. Salzberg
Dr. R. Wayne Saubert, Faculty Representative, non-voting

Others Present:

President Penelope W. Kyle	Dr. Orion J. Rogers
Mr. C. Nelson Harris	Dr. Joseph P. Scartelli
Ms. Mary Ann Hovis	Dr. Patricia B. Shoemaker
Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite	Dr. Raymond N. Linville
Mr. Mark R. Pace	Dr. Debra R. Templeton
Ms. Linda K. Whitley-Taylor	Ms. Joey C. Sword
Mr. Todd E. Barrish	Dr. Kay K. Jordan
Ms. Emily Ewoldt	Dr. Judy H. Niehaus
Ms. Greer Saunders	Dr. George D. Santopietro
Mr. Richard S. Alvarez	Ms. Elizabeth C. S. Jamison
Mr. Jeffrey S. Douglas	Dr. Bernd H. Kuennecke
Dr. Steven W. Nape	Dr. Edward Swanson
Dr. Rick L. Slavings	Dr. Kimberly F. Carter
Dr. Brian P. Conniff	Dr. Ed Udd
Dr. Faye W. Gilbert	Dr. Stephen S. Owens
Dr. Dennis O. Grady	Ms. Lisa H. Ridpath
Mr. Dave Hayes	

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Walter Rugaber, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, September 9, 2009 in the Board Room in Martin Hall at Radford University.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Walter Rugaber, Interim Chair called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Mr. Steve Musselwhite made the motion and Ms. Nancy Artis seconded. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 23, 2009

Mr. Walter Rugaber, Interim Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting. Ms. Mary Ann Hovis made the motion and Mr. Mark Pace seconded. The motion carried.

Report from the Faculty Representative to the BOV

Dr. Wayne Saubert deferred to Dr. Steve Owen, President of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Owen introduced the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Dr. Kay Jordan, Dr. Sid Smith, Dr. Judy Niehaus and Dr. Tricia Easterling. Dr. Owen reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with President Kyle and Dr. Stanton over the summer to discuss issues such as communication, transparency, internal governance and the need for further faculty collaboration and was pleased with the positive productivity that was made. The first full Faculty Senate meeting will be Thursday, September 10th and the Senate will be looking at several issues such as the budget, a shared commitment to working with the Administration and Internal Governance. A motion will be introduced at the full Senate meeting to begin looking at Internal Governance. Dr. Wayne Saubert talked briefly about the apprehensiveness of faculty and staff about budget reversions, the furlough, and the H1N1 flu. Dr. Saubert thanked the Board and reported he enjoyed working with each one.

Action Item

Dr. Wil Stanton

Recommendation for Approval

Reaffirmation of the Workforce Transition Option (WTO)

The WTO program was first implemented at RU in the late 90's. In 2002 and 2006 the WTO program was revised and a Business Plan was developed. It's intended to provide RU the opportunity to reallocate resources and address other strategic needs. It is not a buyout and not an early retirement program; it is a program to allow teaching and administrative and professional faculty on a tenure track to self-select to participate in a workforce reduction program. The Provost would have the final approval of accepting or denying an applicant in situations in which multiple retirements in a department would affect its ability to deliver its curriculum.

- Business Plan 09 Academic Affairs (A copy of the *Business Plan 09 Academic Affairs* shall be attached hereto as Attachment **A** and made a part of these minutes.)
- AMENDED Business Plan 09 Academic Affairs (A copy of the *Amended Business Plan 09 Academic Affairs* shall be attached hereto as Attachment **B** and made a part of these minutes.)
- Academic Affairs Resolution-Reaffirmation WTO (A copy of the *Academic Affairs Resolution-Reaffirmation WTO* shall be attached hereto as Attachment **C** and made a part of these minutes.)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Radford University Board of Visitors reaffirms its approval and support of Radford University's use of the Workforce Transition Option for teaching and research faculty.

Mr. Rugaber called for a vote to approve the recommendation that the Reaffirmation of the Workforce Transition Option (WTO) be presented to the Board of Visitors according to the timeline on the AMENDED Business Plan 09 Academic Affairs (Attachment **B**). The vote carried.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Overview of New Faculty

Radford University is fortunate to welcome 19 new teaching and research faculty members to our family of scholars. These faculty join us from 12 states and have earned degrees from prestigious institutions across the country and around the world.

- Overview of New Faculty (A copy of the *Overview of New Faculty* shall be attached hereto as Attachment **D** and made a part of these minutes.)

Introduction of New Chairs/Directors

Academic Affairs has added several new chairs or school directors and other academic leaders this year. Dr. George Santopietro has been named the Chair of the Department of Economics. Ms. Eli Jamison is the Director of the MBA in the College of Business and Economics. Dr. Bernd Kuennecke has been named the Interim Director of the School of Environmental and Physical Sciences. Dr. Edward Swanson has been named the Founding Director of the Department of Physical Therapy. Dr. Kimberly Carter has been named the Director of the School of Nursing. Mr. Carl Lefko has been named the Director of the School of Dance and Theatre.

Enrollments

Dr. Stanton introduced Dr. Steven Nape, Vice Provost for Enrollment, Planning and Management. Dr. Nape reported the following report on enrollment. Enrollment right now is at 8,875 and the official numbers will be available following the census date, which is Monday. Last year at this time enrollment was at 9,157. The academic profiles are, SAT scores of 1020-1023 and average GPA 3.23, which is an increase in the academic profile. The acceptance rate is 71-72%.

Facilities

Dr. Stanton reported Young Hall is a marvelous building and the technology is fantastic. Student engagement is encouraged as it is a learning building. It is one of only five in the nation to be fully digital in every classroom.

- Young Hall (A copy of the *Young Hall* shall be attached hereto as Attachment **E** and made a part of these minutes.)

Initiatives for AY 2009-10

- Internal Governance – Dr. Stanton reported that President Kyle has asked the Faculty Senate to take the lead in making changes to the Internal Governance.
- SACS – Dr. Slavings reported on the timeline for the process of reaffirmation of accreditation by the Commission on Colleges.
 - SACS (A copy of the SACS shall be attached hereto as Attachment **F** and made a part of these minutes.)
- College Updates – Dr. Stanton reported that President Kyle would report on college updates at the Board Meeting on Thursday, September 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie S. Taylor, Executive Assistant to the Provost