

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BOARD OF VISITORS**
November 12, 2008, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
MINUTES

APPROVED

Members Present:

Ms. Nancy Artis, Vice Rector
Mr. Darius Johnson
Mr. Walter Rugaber
Ms. Cora Salzberg
Dr. Wayne Saubert, Faculty Representative, non-voting

Others Present:

Mr. Thomas Fraim, Rector	Dr. Brian Conniff
Mr. Nelson Harris	Dr. Faye Gilbert
Ms. Mary Ann Hovis	Mr. Dave Hayes
Mr. Stephen Musselwhite	Dr. Raymond Linville
Mr. Mark Pace	Dr. Orion Rogers
Mr. Ronald Wesley	Dr. Joe Scartelli
Ms. Juliann Abercrombie	Dr. Pat Shoemaker
President Penelope Kyle	Dr. Dennie Templeton
Dr. Wil Stanton	Mr. Mike Hemphill
Dr. Norleen Pomerantz	Ms. Lisa Ridpath
Dr. Steve Lerch	Ms. Susan Van Patton
Dr. Rick Slavings	Mr. Jon Stauff
Dr. Angela Stanton	Mr. Abdelilah El Abdi
Dr. Jack Call	Mr. Zafer Al-Lababidi
Ms. Greer Saunders	Ms. Claudia Brodtkin

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Nancy Artis, Vice Rector called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m, Wednesday, November 12, 2008 in the Board Room in Martin Hall

Ms. Nancy Artis called for a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda that was handed out. Mr. Mark Pace made the motion and Mr. Walter Rugaber seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Nancy Artis called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting. Mr. Thomas Fraim made the motion and Mr. Walter Rugaber seconded. The motion carried.

**REPORT FROM THE FACULTY
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOV**

Dr. Wayne Saubert

- General Education Revision-Kudos to everyone who made this happen
 - Faculty
 - Faculty Senate & Senate Executive Committee
 - Selected Key Faculty Members
 - Selected Administrators
- Faculty Sentiment

- Faculty Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – past 3 year period

ACTION ITEMS

- Tenure Recommendation from COBE Dr. Faye Gilbert, *Dean*

On behalf of the faculty in the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Gilbert requested tenure for President Penelope Kyle awarded with a corresponding rank of Full Professor. This request is supported by a unanimous recommendation from the Department Personnel Committee, enthusiastic support from the Chair of the Department of Accounting, Finance, and Business Law, and the endorsement of the Dean.

Recommendation: Award President Penelope Ward Kyle, J.D. tenure and rank of Professor of Business Law in the College of Business and Economics.

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that President Penelope Ward Kyle, J.D. be awarded tenure and the rank of Professor of Business Law in the College of Business and Economics effective immediately.

- Patrick County Education Foundation Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*

The Patrick County Education Foundation is an economic development initiative created to raise Patrick County education attainment levels to rank among the top five rural counties in Virginia and attract new business and job opportunities to the area. This is a 501 (c) (3) Foundation begun by Governor Gerald Baliles.

In September Governor Baliles met with President Kyle, Provost Stanton, and VP VanCleave to discuss the possibilities of Radford University assuming authority and operational responsibility of the Foundation. Shortly after that meeting Provost Stanton and VP VanCleave began assessing the operational budget and our capacity to assume responsibility for the Foundation. Based on this analysis it appears that the financial obligation to maintain current operations would be \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year. In addition, RU would be responsible for raising the private support necessary to maintain the Foundation. Given the fiscal environment facing all of higher education in Virginia, Radford University cannot singularly assume these responsibilities.

Recommendation: Therefore, the Academic Affairs Committee does not recommend assuming authority and financial responsibility for the Patrick County Education Foundation at this time, but we encourage continued discussions of ways to support the efforts of the Foundation.

UPDATES

- Emeritus Faculty Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*

Based on recommendations from the Department Personnel Committee, the Department Chair, the College Dean, and the Provost, the President has awarded emeritus status this fall to eight retiring or retired faculty. Faculty being awarded faculty emeritus status are:

Dr. Michael Aamodt	Dr. Janet McDaniel
Dr. Donald Anderson	Dr. Tom Mullis
Dr. Diane Friedman	Dr. Shalini Perumpral
Dr. George Grice	Dr. Susan Woodward

- Fulbright Scholars Dr. Steve Lerch, *Vice Provost*

Through the support of the McGlothlin Family Endowment, RU's International Education Center sponsors a cultures festival on campus each year. This year's festival is focusing on Arab cultures. The Council on the International Exchange of Scholars placed a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at RU for the academic year. Introduction of Professor of Political Science Abdelilah El Abdi. He is the department head of Public Law and Political Science at Mohammed V University in Rabat, the capital of Morocco. The Institute of International Education selected RU to host a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant this year. The teaching assistant placement allows RU to offer two sections in Arabic language during the fall and spring semesters. Introduction of Mr. Zafer Al-Lababidi is our Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant in Arabic.

- Status of MOT, DPT and DNP Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*
Dr. Raymond Linville, *Dean*

MOT - In April and May, the Founding Chair and Director of Clinical Education (DCE) were recruited and hired. Dr. Douglas Mitchell is the chair and Dr. Cynthia Creighton is the DCE. We have requested approximately \$449,000 in instructional equipment through the ETF allocation. Clinical affiliations are being established with health agencies within a 150-mile radius of campus and the next phase of faculty recruitment has begun. Plans are to admit students in August 2009.

DPT - Update on the DPT and search for a Founding Chair and DCE. Telephone interviews have been conducted and the leading candidates are being invited to campus in the next few weeks.

DNP - An application to develop a DNP was discussed this summer. The national association (American Association of Colleges of Nursing or AACN) has targeted 2015 to transition from the MSN to the DNP for advanced specializations. A SCHEV site visit is scheduled for Dec. 4th and 5th. The external site visitors are Dr. Mervin (UVA) and Dr. McCrone (WVU). Dr. Joe DeFilippo will be representing SCHEV.

- Status of New COBE Building Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*
Dr. Faye Gilbert, *Dean*
 - The RFP Process has concluded, and the review of proposals from architects will begin this week. The COBE Building Committee has visited several universities.

- Status of New CSAT Building Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*
Dr. Orion Rogers, *Dean*
 - Planning continues for the new CSAT Building. The Dean has recommended the formation of a Planning Committee to the Provost to work on initial design specifications for the CSAT building.

- Update on Search for Vice Provost for Enrollment Planning and Management Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*
Dr. Steve Lerch, *Vice Provost*
 - The Search for a Vice Provost for Enrollment Planning and Management has been moving along rapidly and is actually about three weeks ahead of the schedule we planned in August. Five semifinalists will be visiting campus during the next week for interviews with the Search Committee and Dr. Stanton

and a tour of campus. They all have excellent credentials, come highly recommended, and have demonstrated a strong interest in the position at RU.

- Update on Search for Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid
Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*
Dr. Steve Lerch, *Vice Provost*
 - Lansing and Associates, the same consulting firm that is assisting RU with the Vice Provost search, will be working with us to find a Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. (The new title reflects an expansion of the responsibilities of the individual who will occupy this position.) The Search Committee has been formed; it will be chaired by Mike Dunn, Director of New Student Programs, who has been the *de facto* Interim Director of Admissions since August.

- Budget
Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*
 - Dr. Rick Slavings, *Vice Provost*
 - Explanation of the process in Academic Affairs. A detailed set of principles to guide budget reversions within Academic Affairs has been developed. These guidelines were placed on the Provost web-site on October 20th and Dr. Stanton has reviewed these with vice provost, deans, directors, and department chairs. Dr. Stanton distributed a copy of these at our Committee meeting yesterday. Dr. Stanton and deans shared with us areas they are exploring for differential tuition and course based fees. Detailed recommendations will be brought to the BOV in the Spring.

- Core Curriculum
Dr. Wil Stanton, *Provost*
Dr. Steve Lerch, *Vice Provost*
Dr. Rick Slavings, *Vice Provost*
Dr. Brian Conniff, *Dean*
Dr. Orion Rogers, *Dean*
 - Since last fall, Radford University has been addressing Goal 2.1.1 of the 7-17 Strategic Plan: the revision of the RU general education curriculum. On Thursday, November 6, the Faculty Senate completed the formal process of reviewing and commenting upon the University's new Core Curriculum, in accordance with its internal governance responsibility.
 - Discussion of Core Curriculum

OTHER

- Discussion of the Distance Education Faculty Institute for Online Course Development
Dr. Dennie Templeton

The Institute is scheduled for January 12, 2009 for faculty who are developing and teaching courses using distance education technologies. The institute is a week-long series of interactive workshops, technology skills sessions, hands-on project work, group discussions, and mentoring activities that facilitate the development of a course that will be taught utilizing distance education technologies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie S. Taylor, Executive Assistant to the Provost