

Radford University Board of Visitors

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APPROVED

RADFORD UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2008

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Members present:

Mr. Randal J. Kirk, Rector
Mr. Thomas E. Fraim, Jr., Vice-Rector
Ms. Nancy H. Agee
Ms. Nancy E. Artis (participated by phone but did not vote on any motions considered by the Board)
Mr. C. Nelson Harris
Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis
Mr. Stephen A. Musselwhite
Dr. Cora S. Salzberg

Members absent:

Mr. Robert L. Blake
Mr. Mark R. Pace
Dr. James G. Lollar (non-voting advisory faculty representative)
Ms. Juliann Abercrombie (non-voting advisory student representative)

Others present:

Ms. Penelope W. Kyle, President
Mr. John Hachtel, Vice President of University Relations
Mr. Danny Kemp, Vice President of Information Technology
Dr. Norleen Pomerantz, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Wil Stanton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Donna VanCleave, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Mr. Tim Thornton, Roanoke Times Reporter
Staff and guests

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. R. J. Kirk, Rector of the Board, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.,
Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at the Hotel Roanoke in the Jefferson Board Room.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rector Kirk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting of the Board of Visitors, as distributed. Mr. Stephen Musselwhite made the motion; Mr. Nelson Harris seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Nelson Harris, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, made a motion to amend the agenda to include a recommendation for the Board to approve a new policy requiring the release of certain educational records to the parents of dependent students. Mr. Stephen Musselwhite seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Dr. Cora Salzberg made a motion to approve the amended agenda for the June 25, 2008, Board of Visitors meeting. Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO PURSUE LEVEL II STATUS

Penelope W. Kyle, President, presented for discussion, the resolution for the University to pursue Level II status and to begin negotiating a memorandum of understanding with the Governor's staff for additional autonomy in the functional areas of information technology and procurement. Obtaining relief from state oversight in these two areas would provide greater opportunities to improve operational efficiencies for the campus at this time. The University meets the Level II criteria to be considered for the higher level of decentralization. The four-year institutions pursuing Level II status in the areas of information technology and procurement are Old Dominion University, James Madison University, George Mason University and Radford University. The Virginia Community College System is also applying for Level II status but they have decided to pursue this as a system in the areas of information technology and capital outlay.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

A preliminary version of the Campus Master Plan was presented by Mr. Keith Storms, Mr. Steve Gift, and Ms. Erica Feggestad from Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas + Company, Norfolk, Virginia. Their presentation described several options for increasing academic and residential space on campus and for addressing additional parking and transit opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. No recommendation was made by the consultant at this time.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis, 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.” Mr. Stephen Musselwhite seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Only members of the Board were present in the Closed Session.

RECONVENED SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the public was invited to return to the meeting. Rector Kirk called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis to make the motion to return to open session.

Certification of Executive Meeting

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. Nelson Harris
 yes – Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis yes – Mr. R. J. Kirk
 yes – Mr. Stephen Musselwhite yes – Dr. Cora Salzberg

Ms. Nancy Agee left the meeting at approximately 3:45 pm.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NEW POLICY

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Dr. Norleen Pomerantz, Vice President for Student Affairs, presented a resolution to approve a new policy requiring the release of educational documents to the parents of dependant students. Chapter 495, of the 2008 Virginia Acts of Assembly, effective July 1, 2008, requires that each public institution of higher education shall have in place policies and procedures requiring the release of a student's educational record if the parent requesting the record claims the student as a dependant and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) allows for the release of educational records. A copy of the new policy is attached hereto as Attachment A and made a part hereof. Mr. Nelson Harris, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, made a motion to approve the new policy, Ms. Nancy Agee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Thomas E. Fraim, Jr., entered the meeting at 4:00 pm.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 OPERATING BUDGET

Ms. Donna VanCleave, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Proposed FY 2008-09 Operating Budget to the Board for approval, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and made a part hereof. Mr. Stephen Musselwhite made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Operating Budget, Mr. Nelson Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Nancy Agee re-entered the meeting at 4:38 pm.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURSUIT OF LEVEL II STATUS

In accordance with the presentation and discussion earlier in the meeting, the Board was asked to approve a resolution authorizing Radford University to pursue Level II status as defined in Chapter 824, 2008 Acts of Assembly and to begin negotiating a memorandum of understanding with the Governor's staff for additional autonomy in the functional areas of information technology and procurement. A copy of the resolution is attached hereto as Attachment C and made a part hereof. Mrs. Mary Ann Hovis made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Radford University to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to pursue Level II authority in the areas of information technology and procurement as provided by section 23-38.90 of the Code of Virginia 1950 as amended, Ms. Nancy Agee seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Rector announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 4, 2008, in Radford, Virginia. The Committees of the Board will meet on Wednesday, September 3, 2008. With no further business to come before the Board, the Rector

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adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

**Kathy L. Thompson, Secretary
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