**MOTION TO REVISE THE INTERDISICPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

**Referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Council**

Faculty Senate recommends formation of a committee composed of one tenured faculty member elected from each of the six undergraduate colleges to revise, explore demand for, and expand the current CHBS Interdisciplinary Studies Major to include all undergraduate colleges within the university. This committee also would explore the demand for a Masters in Liberal Studies (MLS) and its relevant costs and advantages. If the committee chooses to pursue either or both cross-institutional programs, the Faculty Senate recommends that the curriculum proposal path for new or revised programs begin at the level of the college curriculum committees for all colleges.

RATIONALE:

1. The Interdisciplinary Studies Major in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences developed as a timely way for students who began their academic careers in elementary and middle education to finish their degrees in a timely fashion when teaching no longer was an option for them.
2. Currently, it does not serve many majors.
3. There are individuals in the Roanoke and New River Valleys who need an undergraduate degree in order to advance in their current careers. Usually they have a number of college credits already. Radford University would provide a needed service to the community by providing a means through which these individuals can finish their degrees and advance in their careers.
4. There also are many individuals in the Roanoke and New River Valleys for whom career advancement depends on acquiring a Master’s Degree, but who do not require a M.A. or M.S. in a specific field (or whose work covers several fields). This degree potentially could provide them with the opportunity they need to acquire a M.A./M.S.