MOTION TO INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBRARY ON THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE TASK FORCE ON ONLINE COURSE DELIVERY

Referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Council

WHEREAS: McConnell Library staff does much work in the area of online education;

WHEREAS: The amended motion passed by the Faculty Senate in May 2012 did not include a library representative to the Task Force on Online Course Delivery at Radford University;

RESOLVED: The University-Wide Task Force on Online Course Delivery at Radford University should include a representative of the McConnell Library.

RATIONALE: As Faculty Senators debated the motion to establish the Taskforce on Online Education, the composition of the committee expanded to include members from each college. However, we forgot to add a member from the library. This oversight should be corrected. The library serves all students, even those who never set foot on campus. It is essential that online students know what library services and resources are available to them, and that the library be integrated into the curriculum. Library staff members frequently are called upon to provide assistance to online students during hours the Help Desk is not open. They provide library instruction to online classes, and library staffers are well versed in D2L and provide first-hand knowledge of the challenges and benefits of this learning system.