Minutes
MVCV meeting
January 13th, 2017

Attendance: Brett Taylor, Todd Branscome, Erin Webster-Garrett, Susan Kwilecki, Ken Cox, Margaret McManus, Mick Stewart, Beth Lyman, Philip Sweet, Pam Huffman, Jason Davis, Dennis Grady

Davis and Grady convened the meeting at 3:02 pm in the Martin Hall boardroom. The focus of the meeting was to discuss and finalize a final draft of the Mission and Core Values, based in part on feedback gained from the meeting with the Strategic Planning Task Force two days prior (1/11/17).

The current working draft of the Mission was projected on the video screen and edited by Davis during discussion. Discussion focused heavily on the wording of the statement itself with specific concerns given to:

- Ensuring that verbiage was not too vague as to be a problem during SACS review
- Ensuring that all relevant topics were included specifically in the Mission statement, with a particular focus on research, service and the unique attributes of Radford University.

The following statement draft was approved by the committee (motion by Todd Branscome, seconded by Phillip Sweet, committee unanimously in favor):

“As a mid-sized, comprehensive, public institution, dedicated to the creation and dissemination of knowledge, Radford University empowers students from diverse backgrounds by providing transformative educational experiences, from the baccalaureate to the doctoral level, within and beyond the classroom. As an inclusive university community, we specialize in cultivating relationships among students, faculty, staff, alumni and other partners, and in providing a culture of service, support and engagement. We embrace innovation and tradition and instill students with purpose and the ability to think creatively and critically. We provide an educational environment and the tools to address the social, economic and environmental issues confronting our region, nation and the world.”

The committee then moved on to a discussion of the expanded Core Values statements created by Grady and Davis to clarify the values previously selected by the committee, following feedback from the Strategic Planning Task Force. Discussion focused primarily on streamlining and clarity of statements and choice of wording.

The following statement draft was approved by the committee (motion by Pam Huffman, seconded by Phillip Sweet, committee unanimously in favor):
“Student empowerment and success – We engage and support our students in the discovery and pursuit of their own unique paths.

Excellence – We expect our community to strive for the highest standards.

Inclusiveness - We are committed to a spirit of cooperation and collaboration, embracing and honoring the diversity of our community.

Community – We foster relationships and a culture of service within and beyond our university community.

Intellectual Freedom – We encourage and defend a fearless exploration of knowledge in all its forms.

Innovation – We inspire and support creativity by providing opportunities for the development of research, scholarship, pedagogy and service.”

The meeting finished with a brief discussion of upcoming meetings, including the meeting with President Hemphill next Friday, and the goal of crafting working drafts of a Vision statement.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.