Minutes
MVCV Subgroup meeting
December 12th, 2016

Attendance: Brett Taylor, Todd Branscome, Taylor Brock, Erin Webster-Garrett, Susan Kwilecki, Jason Davis

Davis convened the sub-group meeting at 9:00 am in Heth 103. The focus of the meeting was to further develop our goals for a Vision statement, with the goal of producing a working draft.

The floor was opened for discussion of Vision statements, with particular reference to both community/forum input and previous topics submitted by both MVCV subgroups. Several important points were made by various members of the committee. These included:

- Comments received during the forum relating to a focus on sustainability and “green” development, as well as connections to the region and local community.
- The notion that much of what makes Radford special as a school is its ability to encapsulate the feel of a private school while retaining the benefits (price, range of course offerings) of a public school.
- A substantial discussion was had on whether or not to include any mention of university size or growth in the vision statement. This was considered to be important as a metric of university identity and a plan for the future, but also a delicate and difficult subject to incorporate.
- The value of emphasizing multiple, personalized student pathways to success; that Radford excels at developing long-term relationships between students and faculty and that we should support that while encouraging high expectations and the development of critical thinking abilities.
- That the Vision statement should in some way encourage both student and faculty involvement in the governance and direction of the university, as this is something that is currently lacking.
- The importance of keeping the Vision statement succinct and memorable, both for recruitment and for development.

It was determined that Davis would write a rough draft of a Vision statement incorporating these concepts to be shared with the members of the subgroup using OneDrive, with the goal of producing a draft before the 12/16 full committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.