ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE
11:00 A.M. **
FEBRUARY 13, 2020
MARY ANN JENNINGS HOVIS MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM
THIRD FLOOR, MARTIN HALL, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT
AGENDA

• CALL TO ORDER
  Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair

• APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair

• APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  o December 5, 2019
  Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair

• ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT
  o Academic Affairs Update
  o Presentation and Discussion on Academic Outreach
  Dr. Joseph P. Scartelli, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

• FACULTY SENATE REPORT
  o REAL Update
  o Core Curriculum Revision Overview
  o COACHE Survey Results
  Dr. Jake Fox, President of the Faculty Senate

• OTHER BUSINESS
  Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair

• ADJOURNMENT
  Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair

** All start times for committees are approximate only. Meetings may begin either before or after the listed approximate start time as committee members are ready to proceed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair
Dr. Thomas Brewster, Vice Chair
Ms. Krisha Chachra
Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes
Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkingham
Dr. Jake Fox, Non-voting Advisory Member
Academic Outreach
Higher Education Centers
Mission for Radford University at RHEC

- To provide opportunities for individuals to pursue degrees and certification in Nursing, Criminal Justice, Social Work, Elementary Teaching and other areas of study
RHEC Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
  - Spring semester cohort
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
  - Saturday program for working professionals
- VCC degree completion programs
  - Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)
  - B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies for Elementary Education
  - B.S. in Criminal Justice
### RHEC Enrollment by Subject (2018-19)

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RHEC Professional Development

- Governmental and Nonprofit Assistance Center workshops
- Training and Technical Assistance (TTAC) workshops for educators
Vision for Radford University at SWVHEC

• To build effective, lasting community partnerships that maintain the health, vitality and economic sustainability of Southwest Virginia communities.
Strategies

• Reestablish Radford University’s presence at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon

• Assess needs of the region and fill in gaps where appropriate

• Create opportunities for all Radford University colleges, departments and schools to be represented

• Offer a wide variety of professional development workshops

• Provide various community outreach opportunities to the region

• Relaunch academic programming
For Educators

- Southwest Virginia School Leaders Academy
  - Made possible through a partnership with the Comprehensive Instructional Program, Region 7 Superintendents and Radford University's Educational Leadership Program

- Training and Technical Assistance Center
  - Book Study Series, “Disrupting Poverty”
  - “Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty-Equity Literacy” with Paul Gorski
  - Literacy Coaching Academy Series
For K-12 Education

• Undergraduate Admissions
  • On Site Reviews
  • Admitted Students Receptions
• Annual 6th Grade Girls STEM Day
• Annual Regional LEGO League Competition
• Porterfield Ensemble presents “We are From Her: Fierce Girls, Wise Women, and Strong Sisters”
• Creative Arts Academy for Middle School Students (upcoming)
For Healthcare Professionals

• Clinical Supervision Trainings for LPCs and LCSWs

• “Guys in Crisis” (all-day multi-presenter workshop)

• Faculty presentations at the SWVA Virginia Counselors Association Fall Forum

• Substance Use Disorder Conferences
  • Substance Use Disorders in SWVA: Establishing Connections and Networks
  • Alcohol Use Disorder & Psychotropic Medications Symposium
  • Substance Use Disorder Academy Series
    • A four-part series
    • Live-streamed to various locations throughout the Commonwealth
  • Substance Use Disorders: Addressing Prevention (upcoming)
For Business and Community

• Thinking Outside the Box with Design Thinking
• Manufacturing Leadership Academy Series
• Writing Successful Grant Proposals
• Crisis Communication
• CPR/AED/First Aid Training (upcoming)
• Motivational Interviewing (upcoming)
M.S. in Counselor Education-School Counseling

- Relaunched Counselor Education in Abingdon
- Supported with funding from the Tobacco Commission
- Hybrid/blended model
- 7 continuous semesters
- Conducted needs assessment with 152 inquiries
- 32 Applications/27 Admitted
- Applicants came from a variety of backgrounds
  - School teachers
  - Community or family services board workers
  - Social services employees
Future Plans for SWVHEC

• Seek to offer additional professional development workshops and conferences
  • Include RUC faculty

• Increase programs for K-12 students

• Evaluate the need for other academic programs in Abingdon
  • M.S. and Certificate in Literacy Education
  • M.S. in Strategic Communication
Discussion
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
11 A.M.
DECEMBER 5, 2019
MARY ANN JENNINGS HOVIS MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM
MARTIN HALL, THIRD FLOOR, RADFORD, VIRGINIA

DRAFT
MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Thomas Brewster, Vice Chair
Ms. Krisha Chachra
Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes
Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkingham
Dr. Jake Fox, Faculty Representative (Non-voting Advisory Member)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr. Gregory A. Burton
Ms. Nancy A. Rice
Mr. David A. Smith
Mr. Breon Case, Student Representative (Non-voting Advisory Member)

OTHERS PRESENT
President Brian O. Hemphill
Ms. Karen Casteele, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President
Dr. Kenna Colley, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Craig Cornell, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Mr. Danny M. Kemp, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer
Ms. Wendy Lowery, Vice President for University Advancement
Mr. Chad A. Reed, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Ashley Schumaker, Chief of Staff and Vice President for University Relations
Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Allen Wilson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia
Other Radford University faculty and staff
CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Thomas Brewster, Vice Chair, formally called the Academic Excellence and Research Committee meeting to order at 11 a.m. in the Mary Ann Jennings Hovis Memorial Board Room in Martin Hall. Dr. Brewster conducted a roll call and established a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Dr. Brewster asked for a motion to approve the December 5, 2019 agenda. Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkingham so moved, Ms. Krisha Chachra seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Dr. Brewster asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting of the Academic Excellence and Research Committee, as published. Ms. Snyder-Falkingham so moved, Ms. Chachra seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Kenna M. Colley, Ed.D. began her report by introducing Teresa Conner, Ph.D., who joined the Radford family on December 2, 2019 as the new Associate Provost for Health Sciences. Dr. Conner previously served as founding Dean and Professor in the College of Health Sciences and Professions at the University of North Georgia.

Dr. Colley shared information about Selu Conservancy and Selu Farm, including that, in Fall 2018, 179 Radford University students visited with 129 being for research or course-related work. In Fall 2019, there were 16 tours, representing a 33% increase in visitors, from 587 to 782, and a 19.5% increase in contact hours, from 1,164 to 1,390, compared to Fall 2018.

Dr. Colley added that the Entrepreneurship minor has been revised to be more effective to students across campus, which will lead to more Venture Lab activity and will link well with the REAL Model. Additionally, Academic Affairs has pitched an Entrepreneurship Competition to the Big South with Radford University as the first sponsor in Spring 2021. This pitch-based competition will include student teams (up to three from each of the Big South universities) with planning already underway.

Dr. Colley reported that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Substantive Change site visit was a very positive experience and thanked everyone for making the site visit a success at both RUC and main campus.

Dr. Colley added that Academic Affairs has been able to fund college-based research awards on the main campus and at RUC for a total amount of $291,372. These awards are typically between $4,000 and $10,000 per faculty member.

Dr. Colley shared that the Dalton Eminent Scholars for 2019-2020 were recently announced, including: Donna Boyd, Ph.D., Eminent Professor of Anthropology and Co-Director of the Radford University Forensic Science Institute; Seife Dendir, Ph.D., Professor of Economics; Agida Manizade, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Statistics; and Thomas Pierce, Ph.D.,
Professor of Psychology. Matthew DeCarlo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Social Work and Site Coordinator of the Roanoke Master of Social Work Program, was selected for the Rising Star Award.

In other Academic Affairs updates, Dr. Colley stated that on November 3-5, 2019, representatives from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) visited the Radford University campus to review the 24 undergraduate and graduate level educator preparation programs. The preliminary feedback from the site visitors was positive, and the program is expected to receive full accreditation after the CAEP Accreditation Council meets in April. Site visitors were especially complimentary of the program’s faculty and the work they do, as well as the amazing students and the outstanding relationships Radford has with PreK-12 partners.

Dr. Colley added that 20 students have been accepted into the Ed.D. program, which represent a diverse group of educational administrators from across the Commonwealth. This inaugural cohort will begin in January 2020. A search is underway for a founding program director with the expectation that this individual will begin in Fall 2020.

In closing, Dr. Colley reported that Radford is responding to the increased demand for school counselors. Earlier this year, legislation was passed requiring schools to provide one full-time counselor for every 250 students. To better serve students in far Southwest Virginia, Radford made a decision to reinstitute the school counseling program in Abingdon. The program will be delivered at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center (SWVHEC) and will begin in Spring 2020. Radford University received a $325,000 grant from the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to support the program and also received a $30,000 grant from the SWVHEC to provide scholarships to deserving students.

**PRESENTATION**

Jeanne Mekolichick, Ph.D., Associate Provost of Academic Programs, and Joseph Wirgau, Ph.D., Professor and Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, provided an overview of Tracking Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities. The presentation began with defining the activities, followed by a description of how the activities align within the strategic plan, what data sources are available, methodology for tracking participation, five-year participation rates, and the impact the activities have on retention and graduation rates. A copy of the presentation is attached hereto as Attachment A and is made a part hereof.

**FACULTY SENATE REPORT**

Faculty Senate President Jake Fox, Ph.D. provided an update on the REAL Model. He stated that the Faculty Senate approved the timeline and launch for implementation in Fall 2021. The REAL Council has convened, and the work is underway. Dr. Fox stated that, at the next Faculty Senate meeting, there will be a motion for a revised core curriculum in 2020, which will provide a “bridge” for the first REAL cohort. The other actions pertaining to REAL that are currently being discussed include: developing Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts rules, recommendations for advising and other support services, and course and program designation
processes. Dr. Fox also reported that the Faculty Senate approved the Civic Engagement Plan and will be working to make major revisions to the Faculty Morale Survey.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Rachel Fowlkes recognized Dr. Orion Rogers, Dean of the Artis College of Science and Technology, and thanked two faculty members, Dr. Francis Webster and Dr. Neil Sigmon, from the Artis College of Science and Technology for providing the "Magic of Chemistry" show and "Disguising Messages and Breaking Secret Codes" presentation to 900 sixth grade girls at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon for the annual STEM workshops on November 22, 2019.

Dr. Fowlkes also reminded the Committee of the request she made at the September meeting to have a discussion regarding what Radford is doing academically to address adult education and non-traditional students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Brewster asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Fowlkes so moved, Ms. Snyder-Falkingham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Stewart Taylor
Executive Assistant to the Provost
End of Board of Visitors Materials