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Two-Year Strategic Priorities

UNIVERSITY DISTINCTION

• Radford University will set high standards for engaged learning, as every student will participate in a capstone academic undertaking or work-based learning. In addition, the student experience will become more integrated with the surrounding region’s natural environment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

• To attract students and better serve our communities, Radford University will further develop talent pipelines in coordination with local businesses and governments. Additionally, Radford will be recognized as a key provider of healthcare employees throughout Southwest Virginia.

ATTRACT AND RETAIN STUDENTS

• A university-wide effort is underway to reset practices for yielding potential new students and ensuring the retention of current students. Radford will solidify its position as an affordable university and create new pathways to a degree in partnership with the Virginia Community College System.

REPOSITION RESOURCES

• Radford University will deliver on its promise of providing exceptional educational opportunities by streamlining resources, implementing high-impact professional development, enhancing physical spaces and building a robust philanthropic stream.

Expanding Radford’s Reach to Out-of-State Students

Like many institutions, Radford University has seen a significant decrease in student enrollment in recent years and is requesting authority to offer a reduced tuition rate to students living outside of Virginia. Radford University is required by law to charge out-of-state students the full cost of education, and receiving this authority would expand the university’s student recruitment efforts, increase the commonwealth’s educational attainment and cultivate a workforce that raises the state’s economic competitiveness. The university is proud to have a high percentage of in-state undergraduate students (90%) and is the third-most affordable among Virginia’s public four-year institutions.

Operating the Artis Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity

The Artis Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity will change the way students approach interdisciplinary learning at Radford University by bringing the College of Visual and Performing Arts and programs within the Waldron College of Health and Human Services under the same roof. Radford’s state-of-the-art, 178,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open in fall 2024 and will be the largest academic facility on the university’s main campus. The Artis Center will combine the performing arts, problem-solving maker space and health sciences to encourage methods of learning that go beyond what’s possible in traditional academic buildings. Funding is requested to appropriately operate and maintain the Artis Center, including utilities, insurance, housekeeping and maintenance supplies, contractual services, ongoing maintenance contracts and equipment. ($702,000 in FY25, $600,000 in FY26 and beyond)

Addressing Future Needs at Radford University Carilion

The continued growth of health sciences initiatives in Roanoke offers unique opportunities to provide students with classroom, research and real-world clinical education settings. Radford University Carilion’s current space in the Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital allows little flexibility to serve potential academic program and enrollment growth, while future Carilion healthcare capital demands will require reclamation of current RUC space. In partnership with Virginia Tech and Carilion, Radford University is exploring shared academic and student support space and will be requesting authorization over the next biennium to construct a new Radford University Carilion building as part of the Roanoke Innovation Corridor.

2024 State Priorities

By the Numbers

FALL 2023

7,531
TOTAL ENROLLMENT

5,704
UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

1,827
GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

12:1
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

2,160
UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER’S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN 2022-2023

Source: Radford University Electronic Fact Book, SCHEV; data accessed Nov. 1, 2023

Economic Impact

$2.2B
ALUMNI IMPACT

5,561
JOBS IMPACT

$421.7M
ECONOMIC IMPACT

Source: Radford University Economic Impact Study 2022