

18-19.06 Motion to Approve the Guiding Principles Established by the Radford University General Education Principle and Model Team

Referred by: Faculty Senate Executive Council

MOTION:

The Faculty Senate recommends approving the guiding principles established by the Radford University General Education Principles and Model Team.

1. The general education program is student centered. Therefore, the general education program:
 - a. is easy to understand, explain, and navigate;
 - b. allows student choice;
 - c. encourages timely graduation;
 - d. accommodates the needs of students (freshman, transfer, non-traditional, first-generation, veterans, international, etc.).
2. The general education program promotes strong foundations for student learning and success on campus and beyond. Therefore, the general education program:
 - a. provides opportunities to develop abilities and gain knowledge useful within and across disciplines;
 - b. exposes students to diversity of perspective and depth of knowledge through coursework outside their discipline;
 - c. encourages engagement with and guidance by full-time faculty;
 - d. ensures reliable and valid assessment of learning goals and outcomes.
3. The general education program reflects the identity and responsibilities of Radford University. Therefore, the general education program:
 - a. embodies the Academic Values, Vision, Mission, and Core Values of Radford University;
 - b. aligns with regional, state, University, college, and department accreditation requirements;
 - c. invites all Radford University colleges to contribute to General Education;
 - d. adapts to internal and external factors (transfer issues, legislative changes, accreditation-University, department, SACSCOC, and SCHEV, etc.).

RATIONALE:

In response to FS Motion 18-19.01 the Radford University General Education Principles and Model Team submits these guiding principles for approval.