**MOTION REVISING FACULTY SENATE BY-LAWS FOR WRITTEN PETITION**

**Referred by: Governance Committee**

**MOTION**The Faculty Senate recommends the following language be added after item 10 of the *By-Laws* of the Radford University Faculty Senate to clarify what constitutes a “written petition.”

*Proposed Addition:*

Delivery of written petitions may be physical or electronic. Petitions should describe the problem, the action you want taken, and an electronic signature by signees including signee name, department, and email address. A rolling forward email (showing all prior replies) containing an itemized affirmation and agreement to the petition by each supporter may substitute for electronic signatures.

**RATIONALE**The Faculty Senate Constitution allows for petition in several instances, though no formal definition exists. Generally, when a petition is sought, the issue can be considered of “high importance.” A lack of clarification makes it possible for rulings to be made that would stifle minority voices.