**Motion on the Presidential Search Process**

**Moved by Kim Gainer**

*Whereas* the selection of a new president is one of the most important tasks a University can undertake, upon which the future of the institution depends;

*Whereas* shared governance is a long recognized method of achieving balance between administrative and faculty participation in university decision-making processes, such as the selection of a new president;

*Whereas* the substantive and effective participation of the faculty and other stakeholders in this process is necessary to insure that the academic, intellectual, cultural, educational, and institutional values of a university are adequately represented;

*Whereas* the perception of this process as one that is open, transparent, democratic and inclusive is important to the success of the new President once he or she becomes part of the Radford University community;

*Whereas* the present completely confidential search process compromises shared governance and limits participation of all stakeholders in this momentous decision;

Be it resolved:

The Faculty Senate recommends that the presidential search process provide opportunities for stakeholders—including students, faculty, staff, and alumni—to meet the finalists and convey their assessment of each candidate to the Search Committee. These opportunities will be public fora at which candidates make statements and audience members pose questions, after which stakeholders may communicate their viewpoints to the Search Committee.

*Passed by the Faculty Senate (40 yes and 1 no) September 24, 2015*