

MOTION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HONORS TASK FORCE

Referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Council

WHEREAS: The report of the Task Force on Radford University's Honors Academy, in conjunction with an external consultant, recommended 64 possible changes in the spirit of enhancing the program's reputation..

RESOLVED: The Faculty Senate supports strengthening Radford University's commitment to Honors students in a manner that will bring Radford University's honors program closer to the best practices common to successful and fully developed honors programs of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The Faculty Senate recommends establishment of a 2012-2013 Honors Implementation Task Force to develop a plan for implementation of the recommendations of the 2011-2012 Honors Task Force. Members of the implementation task force would include: One faculty member elected from each of the colleges (COBE, CHHS, CEHD, CSAT, and CVPA), two student volunteers who are current Honors Academy members, a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Council, a member of the Academic Leadership Team, the Chair of the Honors Academy Task Force 2011-2012, and a representative of the Library. The current director and associate director of the Honors Academy and Provost (or his designee) will serve as ex officio members. Using the recommendations of the Honors Task Force as a starting point, the Implementation Task Force would:

- Investigate other Honors Programs in Virginia and North Carolina;
- Review project management literature to determine an appropriate size, goals, and requirements for the program (both resources required to support the program and requirements for entry into the program) and make recommendations based on that literature that balance people, time, and money;
- Develop an implementation plan for the program in consultation with the Provost and the Academic Affairs Leadership Team;
- Consult and work with the Provost and Academic Affairs Leadership Team in the development and conduct of a search for leadership for any new program; if any members of the new Task Force choose to apply for the position, they would be excused from this process;
- Work with the new program's leadership on implementation of the plan developed.

Work on this project should be finished by the end of the spring 2013 semester and a final report presented to the Faculty Senate at the first Senate meeting in September 2013.