

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF VISITORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joint Meeting

10 a.m.

April 28, 2022

Executive Conference Room, Martin Hall 230

### Minutes

#### BOARD OF VISITORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert A. Archer, Rector

Ms. Krisha Chachra

Mr. Mark S. Lawrence

Dr. Debra K. McMahon

Mr. David A. Smith

Ms. Lisa Throckmorton

#### FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Katie Hilden, Faculty Senate President

Dr. David Beach

Dr. Kurt Gingrich

Dr. Sheila Krajnik

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Carolyn R. Lepre, Interim President

Dr. Bret S. Danilowicz, President-elect

Ms. Nancy Angland Rice, Board of Visitors Member

Ms. Karen Castele, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Mike Melis, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

#### Introductions

Rector Robert A. Archer and Faculty Senate President Katie Hilden welcomed members to the meeting and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to be together and discuss issues of common interest. All members introduced themselves and shared their stories of how they came to Radford University and how and why they remain invested in Radford University.

#### Shared Governance Discussion

The members discussed the key characteristics of shared governance and how members can continue to foster it. The common themes of the discussion were:

- Shared governance is a process that requires investment of time and energy and sharing of institutional knowledge and stakeholders' perspectives;

- Shared governance is integral to achieving Radford University's evolving mission and vision and enacting the University's strategic plans;
- Shared governance involves identifying, developing and supporting common goals;
- Shared governance involves shared understanding of stakeholders' roles and their accompanying responsibilities;
- Shared governance requires commitment to its guiding principles and process;
- Shared governance feeds timely, well-informed decision-making and improves morale; and
- Shared governance results in shared, connected, empathetic understanding among diverse stakeholders via on-going, transparent communication.

#### Next Steps

Members discussed potential next steps, which included live-streaming of Board of Visitors meetings, orientation practices and participation in meetings. Mental health issues among students and enrollment and retention were identified as potential topics for discussion at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Karen Castele  
Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President