

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.

JUNE 8, 2023

KYLE HALL, ROOM 340, RADFORD, VA

DRAFT **MINUTES**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Lisa Pompa, Chair

Ms. Jeanne Armentrout

Mr. Mark Lawrence

Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham

Dr. Kurt Gingrich, (Non-Voting Faculty Advisory Representative)

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, President

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

Dr. Rob Hoover, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Dr. Angela Joyner, Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education

Mr. Mike F. Melis, Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia

Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs

Ms. Penny Helms White, Interim Vice President for Advancement and University Relations

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lisa Pompa, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in Kyle Hall. Ms. Pompa began the meeting by acknowledging the recent passing of Board of Visitors member and Chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, Dr. Rachel Fowlkes. Dr. Fowlkes was recognized for her leadership and experience in the surrounding communities and to the Board of Visitors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Pompa asked for a motion to approve the June 8, 2023 agenda. Ms. Jeanne Armentrout so moved, Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Pompa asked for a motion to approve the March 23, 2023 minutes. Ms. Snyder Falkinham so moved, Ms. Armentrout seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Dr. Jeanne Mekolichick, Associate Provost for Research, Faculty Development and Strategic Initiatives, gave an update on the current and future Academic Affairs goals for Dr. Marten denBoer who was unable to attend. During the spring semester, faculty focused efforts on engagement and recruitment of students. Davis College of Business and Economics launched an initiative to recruit home schooled students, in addition to several other pilot projects focused on recruitment. Strategies such as implementing new course minimums and revising course rotations to increase the average class size are being reviewed. A spring semester virtual UNIV 150 course was offered for RUC students. Weekly study hall sessions, open to all students, were held in McConnell Library. Mandatory workshops, covering topics such as time management and study skills, were held for students who had an academic suspension appeal granted.

Academic Affairs saw an increase in the number of grant proposals submitted and funded from the previous academic year.

Dr. Jessica Stowell, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Improvement, reported that the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) fully approved after a successful SACSCOC visit in March. There was only one demerit mark on the full report. President Danilowicz commended Dr. Stowell on her quick and thorough work to get this process completed.

Dr. Mekolichick also updated the committee on the draft 2023-2025 goals. As the new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will begin on June 12, these may be updated and enhanced before the beginning of the fall semester. Academic Affairs will focus on:

- Identifying and advancing strategic direction for Academic Affairs
- Maximizing student success efforts
- Aligning Academic Affairs infrastructure through increased efficiency and effectiveness

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Mekolichick announced that emeritus status was awarded to five faculty members.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Pompa adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenni Webb

Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs

End of Board of Visitors Materials

