

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

2:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

**MARY ANN JENNINGS HOVIS BOARD ROOM
MARTIN HALL, THIRD FLOOR, RADFORD, VA**

DRAFT **MINUTES**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Brewster, Chair
Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes
Mr. David Smith
Dr. Katie Hilden, Non-voting Faculty Advisory Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham, Vice Chair

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert Archer, Rector

Ms. Charlene A. Curtis contacted the Board of Visitors Rector Robert A. Archer prior to the meeting to inform him that a personal matter would prevent her from attending the meeting in person. Ms. Curtis participated by electronic communication from her home.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Carolyn R. Lepre, Interim President
Dr. J. Orion Rogers, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Karen Castele, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President
Dr. Jessica Beckett, Director of the Harvey Knowledge Center
Dr. Katie Garahan, Director of the Writing Center
Mr. Alvin Overstreet, Director of Academic Support Services at Radford University Carilion
Dareous Davis, Radford University Carilion Student
Brynn Miller, Radford University Student
Ayana Nichols, Radford University Student
Monica Roth, Radford University Student
Mr. Mike Melis, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Thomas Brewster, Chair, formally called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Mary Ann Jennings Hovis Memorial Board Room in Martin Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Brewster asked for a motion to approve the February 10, 2022 meeting agenda for the Academic Excellence and Research Committee. Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes so moved, Mr. David Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Brewster asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting of the Academic Excellence and Research Committee, as published. Dr. Fowlkes so moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs J. Orion Rogers, Ph.D. began his report by sharing the fall 2021 semester concluded successfully with the implementation of the REAL curriculum, as well as continued progress developing the Quality Enhancement Plan and submission of the Compliance Certification Report. He added the spring 2022 semester started successfully on January 18, 2022.

The Office of the Provost has announced the faculty members who were selected as Dalton Eminent Scholars for 2021. Recipients were selected for their distinguished reputations in their respective disciplines. Each Scholar receives \$10,000 for research and travel materials, and \$5,000 upon completion of their research and scholarly activities. They are:

Dr. Sharon Roger Hepburn, College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Kristan Morrison, College of Education and Human Development
Dr. Karen Powers, Artis College of Science and Technology
Dr. Robert Trent, College of Visual and Performing Arts
Rising Star- Dr. Rich Gruss, Davis College of Business and Economics

The Radford University School of Nursing has received notification from the Virginia Board of Nursing that the baccalaureate degree nursing education programs on the Radford University main campus and Radford University Carilion (RUC) campus, the Accelerated BSN program at the RUC campus, and the Traditional BSN Program (Teachout) at RUC have received full approval. The programs' next survey visit will be scheduled in 2031. Dr. Rogers congratulated Dean Wijewardane and the faculty, staff, and students of the School of Nursing for this significant achievement.

Intelligent.com researched over 2,900 colleges and universities for the 2022 online degree report, and each institution was evaluated for the strength of its online resources, reputation, and program strength. Radford University ranked highly in six categories.

The Radford MBA program ranked #64 nationally in the "first-ever ranking of the best part-time MBA programs in the United States" by Fortune magazine. Dr. Rogers congratulated Davis College of Business and Economics Dean Joy Bhadury, Graduate Program Director Can Dogan

and the Davis College graduate faculty who made this possible.

Dr. Roger shared that Dean Bhadury has announced a formal partnership between the Davis College of Business and Economics and Paris School of Business. This partnership provides an opportunity for qualified MBA graduates from the Radford MBA program to enroll in the DBA (Doctorate of Business Administration) program at the Paris School of Business (PSB) and receive their doctoral degree. This MOU was developed in collaboration with the McGlothlin Center for Global Education and Engagement and by Dr. Carolyn R. Lepre during her time as provost. Radford University students now have a path from undergraduate studies in the Davis College of Business and Economics to the doctoral degree in business.

The organizational restructuring of the Office of the Provost has been implemented effective January 10, 2022 with the following staff members beginning in their new positions.

- Dr. Jeanne Mekolichick, Associate Provost for Research, Faculty Success and Strategic Initiatives
- Dr. Nicole Hendrix, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education
- Dr. Tim Channell, Assistant Provost for Budget and Academic Operations
- Ms. Vickie Taylor, Budget and Human Resources Manager for Academic Affairs
- Ms. Rhonda Conner, Executive Assistant to the Provost

Professor James Robey, Chair of the Department of Dance, is serving as Interim Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts during spring 2022 and while the search for the Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts is conducted. Professor Amy Van Kirk is serving as Interim Chair of the Department of Dance.

Dr. Rogers introduced Dr. Timothy Channell who started in his position as Assistant Provost for Budget and Academic Operations on January 10, 2022. Dr. Channell earned a B.A. in Music Education from Marshall University, an MBA from West Virginia Wesleyan College, and an Ed.D. from Marshall University. He joined the faculty of Radford University in 2008 as Assistant Professor of Music Business and Director of the Music Business Program. He earned tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor of Music Business in 2014, and he was appointed Chair of the Department of Music in 2018. Dr. Channell was promoted to Professor of Music Business in 2019, and he has served as Secretary of the Faculty Senate since 2017. Dr. Robert Trent is serving as Interim Chair of the Department of Music.

Dr. Rogers introduced Mr. Paul Orkiszewski, who started in his position as Dean of the Libraries on January 10, 2022. Mr. Orkiszewski came to Radford University from Appalachian State University where he served as Interim Dean of the Libraries since 2019. He earned Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Rice University as well as the Master of Library and Information Science degree from University of Texas at Austin.

Interim Provost Rogers stated that based on recommendations from the Department Personnel Committee, the Department Chair, the College Dean, and the Provost, the President has awarded emeritus status to the following retired faculty members:

Professor Jayne Bucy	Department of Psychology
Professor Frank Dane	Department of Psychology
Professor Pamela Jackson	Department of Psychology

Professor Nora Reilly	Department of Psychology
Professor Ruth Riding-Malon	Department of Psychology
Professor Jeffrey Willner	Department of Psychology
Professor Bruce Chase	Department of Accounting, Finance and Business Law
Professor Felix Amenkhienan	Department of Accounting, Finance and Business Law
Professor Georgia Hammond	Department of Biology
Professor Bob Sheehy	Department of Biology
Professor Mary LaLone	Department of Sociology
Professor Chester "Skip" Watts	Department of Geology
Professor Erin Cruise	School of Nursing
Professor Iris Mullins	School of Nursing

Presentations were provided from three areas within Academic Affairs which demonstrated Sense of Belonging Through Academic Support. Each presentation highlighted the unique assistance provided by each program and ways students are supported in their academic journey. Students shared their experiences and how the respective program is helping them succeed. Dr. Jessica Beckett, Director, and student Ayana Nichols provided information for the Harvey Knowledge Center. Dr. Katie Garahan, Director, and students Brynn Miller and Monica Roth provided information on the Writing Center. Alvin Overstreet, Director, and student Dareous Davis provided information about Academic Support Services at RUC.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Brewster adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Conner
Executive Assistant to the Provost

End of Board of Visitors Materials

