

# **RADFORD** UNIVERSITY

Board of Visitors

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**8 A.M.**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2022**  
**DEAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**KYLE HALL, THIRD FLOOR, RADFORD, VA**

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Robert A. Archer, Rector  
Dr. Thomas Brewster  
Ms. Krisha Chachra  
Dr. Rachel Fowlkes  
Mr. Mark S. Lawrence, Ex officio  
Dr. Debra K. McMahan  
Mr. David A. Smith

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Jay A. Brown, Vice Rector  
Ms. Lisa Throckmorton

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Carolyn R. Lepre, Interim President  
Ms. Karen Casteel, Secretary to the Board of Visitors and Special Assistant to the President  
Dr. Angela Joyner, Interim Chief of Staff  
Mr. Mike Melis, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Robert A. Archer, Rector, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room in Kyle Hall. Rector Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his appreciation for being with the Committee members. Rector Archer welcomed Mike Melis to Radford University and stated that he looked forward to working together in the future.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Rector Archer asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2022 meeting agenda, as published. Dr. Debra K. McMahan so moved, Mr. David A. Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rector Archer asked for a motion to approve the December 3, 2021 minutes of the Executive Committee meeting. Dr. McMahan so moved, Mr. Mark S. Lawrence seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rector Archer reminded the Committee of two upcoming activities and meetings. The University would be providing a 30-day notice prior to the April Board meeting and the vote on tuition and fees. Also prior to the meeting, a budget presentation and public hearing will be held. The Board Bylaws state that at least three Board members will attend the public hearing. Also, at the April meeting, the Board will vote on a new Rector and Vice Rector. Mr. David Smith, as chair of the Governance, Administration and Athletics Committee, will extend a call for nominations on March 1 and nominations will be open for 10 days. The Committee will bring forward their recommendations at the April meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Interim President Carolyn R. Lepre, Ph.D. shared that she is continuing to make legislative visits and sharing the Radford story, including the request for expanded investments in Radford students, specifically need-based financial aid and operating support. She added that we are also seeking support for a renovation to the McConnell Library and campus infrastructure projects.

Interim President Lepre also shared with the Committee an update on Advocacy Day. She added that this year, 19 students participated in sharing their personal stories with legislators and also observed the General Assembly in action. These remarkable students shared our priorities and the lasting impact an investment in Radford University and their education could have for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Rector Archer thanked Interim President Lepre for her leadership.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Rector Archer asked the Committee chairs to share any information that they felt significant or they may wait until the full Board meeting. Dr. Rachel Fowlkes shared that the Advancement, University Relations and Enrollment Management Committee was excited to hear the status of the Capital Campaign. Ms. Krisha Chachra shared that during the Student Success Committee, she was impressed with the increase of services in the Counseling Center. The other Committee chairs deferred their reports until the full Board meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Rector Archer requested a motion to move into closed session. Dr. Thomas Brewster made the motion that the Executive Committee of the Radford University Board of Visitors convene a closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the discussion of personnel matters, more specifically relating to prospective candidates for employment and assignments or appointments of employees as they relate to Radford organizational charts. Dr. Rachel Fowlkes seconded the motion. The Executive Committee went into closed session at 8:29 a.m.

### **RECONVENED SESSION**

Rector Archer called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m. On motion made by Dr. Brewster and seconded by Dr. Fowlkes, the following resolution of certification was approved by a roll call vote.

#### **Resolution of Certification**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Radford University Board of Visitors certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed

meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Dr. Thomas Brewster	Yes
Ms. Krisha Chachra	Yes
Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes	Yes
Mr. Mark Lawrence	Yes
Dr. Debra McMahon	Yes
Mr. David A. Smith	Yes
Mr. Robert A. Archer, Rector	Yes

The resolution of certification was unanimously adopted.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Rector Archer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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