

October 6, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Committee on the University of Virginia's
College at Wise

William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Chair
Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.
Joseph E. Wolfe
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D.	Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Charles L. Glazer	Timothy B. Robertson
William H. Goodwin, Jr.	Terence P. Ross
T. Keister Greer	Elizabeth A. Twohy
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Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.	Benjamin P.A. Warthen
James C. Wheat, III	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on the
University of Virginia's College at Wise on
October 6, 2000

The Committee on The University of Virginia's College at
Wise met, in Open Session, at 12:05 p.m., Friday, October 6,
2000, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; William G.
Crutchfield, Jr., Chair, presided. Joseph E. Wolfe and John
P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Charles L. Glazer, T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Walter F. Walker, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, James C. Wheat, III, and Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Leonard W. Sandridge, L. Jay Lemons, Robert W. Cantrell, M.D., Ms. Colette Sheehy, Ernest H. Ern, William W. Harmon, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Gene D. Block, Ms. Marcia Quesenberry, Ms. Amelia Harris, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair described the mass meeting at the College at Wise when it was announced that Mr. Lemons had accepted the presidency of Susquehanna University. There was a tremendous outpouring of emotion and expressions of gratitude for Mr. Lemon's leadership.

The Chair then introduced a resolution of appreciation for Mr. Lemon's service. On motion, the Committee adopted the resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval at the Board's meeting of October 7, 2000 (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors of that date).

Mr. Lemons thanked the Board for its support of the College and for establishing the present relationship between the University and the College. He also thanked the senior Administration, particularly the President and Mr. Sandridge, for their support and encouragement, both of the College and of his Chancellorship.

He continued with the first part of his customary report, noting that the College in a few weeks will celebrate the conclusion of its capital campaign. More than \$20million in gifts has been received; Mr. Lemons noted that when the campaign was planned, it was thought that \$5million was a realistic goal, with perhaps \$10million as a stretch.

The Committee recessed at 12:25 p.m. for lunch and resumed, once more in Open Session, at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Lemons reminded the Committee that the General Assembly, at its last Session, had appropriated \$650,000 to the College for expanding its admissions and development efforts. He introduced Ms. Marcia Quesenberry, Associate Vice Chancellor and Assistant to the Chancellor, who reported on these efforts.

Ms. Quesenberry told the Committee that the appropriation will enable the College to expand its recruiting in other parts of the state, particularly in the Tidewater and in Northern Virginia; the College's aim is to grow by 500 students over the next several years. In development, the College is now on-line with the University's gift accounting system. Development efforts will be focused on alumni giving, and the College is contemplating a \$50million campaign based on its 50th anniversary.

Mr. Lemons reported briefly on WISE-FM, the College's radio station which began operations in September, 1999. The station is affiliated with National Public Radio but is beginning to develop its own locally produced serial programs.

Mr. Lemons then introduced Ms. Amelia Harris, Dean of the Faculty. Ms. Harris described the "Connections" program which the College wants to devise. She called "Connections" "education beyond the classroom." It will have several components: Service Learning, International Study and Travel, Specialized Research and Scholarship, Internships, and Leadership. Service Learning means community service. The College, with its academic relationship in Turkey, has a few Turkish exchange students and one Wise student currently in Turkey; a similar relationship is being planned in Spain. Specialized Research and Scholarship would not only prepare students for graduate work but would encourage more undergraduate connections with faculty. There are a few existing internships for Wise students in Southwest Virginia, but the College wants to expand these. Students who stand for office at the College have some leadership training, but "Connections" would expand this.

Mr. Lemons thanked his senior administrators from the College who were present and expressed, once again, his appreciation to the Board.

The Rector thanked Mr. Lemons for all he has done and wished him well on behalf of the Board.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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