

January 18-20, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

T. Keister Greer, Chair
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.
Elizabeth A. Twohy
Walter F. Walker
Joseph E. Wolfe
John P. Ackerly, III

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D.	Timothy B. Robertson
William G. Crutchfield	Terence P. Ross
Charles L. Glazer	Benjamin P.A. Warthen
William H. Goodwin, Jr.	James C. Wheat, III

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational Policy
Committee on January 18-20, 2001

The Educational Policy Committee meeting at the Board of Visitors meeting of January 18-20, 2001, was in three parts: the first on Thursday, January 18th, the second on Friday, January 19th, and the third on Saturday, January 20th.

The first part of the meeting was convened in the Board Room of the Rotunda at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2001, and was held in Open Session; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided. Stephen S. Phelan, Jr., Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Timothy B. Robertson, and Benjamin P.A. Warthen.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Peter W. Low, George E. Culbertson, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair asked Mr. Low, Vice President and Provost, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Low explained that all of the items on the Agenda to be considered at the first of the Educational Policy Committee meetings were Consent items.

The first was simply a notification to the Board of the change of the name of the Department of Electrical Engineering in the School of Engineering to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and the Department of Systems Engineering to the Department of Systems and Information Engineering. The changes reflect more accurately the missions, teaching and research interests of the two departments. The proposed changes have been forwarded to the State Council of Higher Education in Richmond, where they will receive an automatic approval.

The other two Consent items involved conflict of interest exemptions, one in the School of Medicine and the other in the School of Engineering. The Medical School exemption had to do with a sponsored research contract with MonicAid Corporation in which Dr. Peter I. Lobo, a member of the faculty, has an interest. At the School of Engineering, three faculty members - James Groves, Douglas Queheillalt and Derek Haas - have interests in Directed Vapor Technologies International (DVTI, Inc.), with whom the School is negotiating a contract.

On motion, the Committee approved two resolutions granting the necessary exemptions, and recommended them to the full Board for approval at the Board's meeting on January 19, 2001 (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, January 19, 2001).

On motion, the meeting of the Committee was recessed at 7:10 p.m.

The Committee reconvened, in Open Session, in the Board Room of the Rotunda at 11:45 a.m., Friday, January 19, 2001, with T. Keister Greer, Chair, presiding.

Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Stephen S. Phelan, Jr., Walter F. Walker, Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Gordon F. Rainey, Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, and James C. Wheat, III.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, Jr., Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Peter W. Low, Ms. Laurie P. Kelsh, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert D. Sweeney, William W. Harmon, George E. Culbertson, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

This session of the Committee's meeting was given over to a progress report on the Virginia 2020 Commissions by Ms. Laurie P. Kelsh, the Chief Planning Officer of the University.

Ms. Kelsh touched briefly on the work of the Commissions. In all of their deliberations, she said, a multi-disciplinary approach to their charges is being taken and all commissions are working toward consensus on their priority areas. By April, there should be a clear idea of their overall aims, and this will be given to the Board at the April meeting. Work will continue through the spring and summer, with perhaps a discussion at the Board Retreat in July. The first plans should come to the Board for consideration at the January meeting in 2002.

The Committee recessed, on motion, at 12:00 noon.

The Committee reconvened, in Open Session, for its third and final session at 9:50 a.m., Saturday, January 20, 2001, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided.

Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Stephen S. Phelan, Jr., Walter F. Walker, Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Gordon F. Rainey, Timothy B. Robertson, and Benjamin P.A. Warthen.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Peter W. Low, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert D. Sweeney, William W. Harmon, Ms. Patricia Werhane, Ms. Karin Wittenborg, Joshua Kempner, Ms. Martha Blodgett, George E. Culbertson, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair asked Mr. Low, Vice President and Provost, to continue the Agenda.

Mr. Low introduced Ms. Patricia Werhane, Chair of the Faculty Senate and Ruffin Professor of Business Ethics at the Darden School.

Ms. Werhane gave a brief report on activities of the Senate and introduced Mr. Joshua Kempner, a fourth year graduate student in Astronomy. Mr. Kempner talked about the encouragement given graduate students in his department, and indeed across Arts & Sciences, to share research and ideas with fellow students and faculty.

Mr. Low paid tribute to the Faculty Senate: at many institutions, he said, the Senate is made up of malcontents occupied chiefly with harassing the central administration and the trustees. At the University, however, the true leaders of the faculty are the leaders of the Senate and they have played an extraordinarily constructive role.

The Rector told Ms. Werhane he hoped she would convey to the Senate the Board's estimation of the high quality of the faculty.

Mr. Low then introduced Ms. Karin Wittenborg, University Librarian, who gave an illustrated presentation, "The Library of Tomorrow." Ms. Wittenborg was assisted by Ms. Martha Blodget, Associate University Librarian for Information Technology.

"The Library of Tomorrow" was a demonstration of the applications of computer technology to libraries, and it provoked a lively discussion by Members.

Mr. Low noted that the technology demonstrated is an expensive undertaking and is still very much a work in progress. It is, however, he said, "seriously cutting edge."

The President commented on several things having to do with libraries at the University. The enormous expense of scholarly journals, a fairly recent phenomenon, is a serious problem. The Alderman Library is a superb research library, but there are bad gaps in its core collections because at the time they were being assembled, there was little money available.

The President went on to say that thought is being given to forming a major task force on research libraries in the state, with a hope of attracting official interest and better funding. The three principal comprehensive research libraries are here, at Virginia Tech and at the College of William and Mary, and these three libraries would take the lead in any effort at organizing a task force. He said the Harrison Institute-Small Library, once

it is in place, should attract great attention to the kinds of things it is doing, as well as potential donors.

In summing up, he said the Alderman Library "is a jewel," and is recognized as such.

The Rector asked Ms. Wittenborg to convey to her staff the Board's gratitude for the work they are doing.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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