

February 25, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Albert H. Small, Chair  
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.  
William H. Goodwin, Jr.  
Terence P. Ross  
Robert G. Schoenvogel  
Benjamin P.A. Warthen  
James C. Wheat, III  
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Charles M. Caravati, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Twohy
Champ Clark	Henry L. Valentine, II
T. Keister Greer	Walter F. Walker
Elsie Goodwyn Holland	Joseph E. Wolfe
Timothy B. Robertson	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and  
Grounds Committee on February 25, 2000

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 9:55 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2000, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Albert H. Small, Chair, presided. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Terence P. Ross, Robert G. Schoenvogel, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, James C. Wheat, III, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Other Members of the Board present were Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Champ Clark, T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Timothy B. Robertson, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Henry L. Valentine, II, and Walter F. Walker.

Also present were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert W. Cantrell, M.D., Peter W. Low, Ernest H. Ern, William W. Harmon, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Gene D. Block, Samuel A. Anderson, III, L. Jay Lemons, and Ms. Jeanne Flipppo Bailes.

The Chair asked Ms. Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget, to present the Agenda.

The first four Items, Ms. Sheehy explained, constituted the Consent Agenda: Architectural design guidelines for a student residence hall in Monroe Lane, the demolition of the Gildersleeve Apartment building, the demolition of the Holly House, and the demolition of Café North.

The student residence hall in Monroe Lane will have rooms for 80 students, two faculty apartments, a dining hall and recreation and commons spaces. The building will house Russian and Asian language students and, possibly, German language students.

The Gildersleeve Apartment building will be demolished to make way for the Monroe Lane residence hall.

The Holly House is a two-story building adjacent to Faulkner House at the Miller Center. It will be demolished to clear the site for the construction of the new addition to the Miller Center.

Café North is a structure, built in 1978, at the north end of the Law School. Its demolition will clear the way for the Law School expansion project.

On motion, the Committee adopted the necessary resolutions and recommended them to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, February 26, 2000).

Ms. Sheehy asked Mr. Anderson, Architect for the University, to present the preliminary design for the Darden School Expansion. These designs had been presented at previous meetings of the Committee and the architects, Ayers/Saint/Gross of Baltimore, had been asked to rework several elements of it, particularly the portico at the entrance to the Darden Center, aspects of the parking garage, and entrances and exits to the Sponsors Hall Addition.

The changes and modifications made by the architects since the Committee last saw the plans were acceptable except for the bookstore entrance to Sponsors Hall. After considerable discussion with Mr. Anderson and with an architect from

Ayers/Saint/Gross, Members centered their objections on the middle portion of the façade, which includes the actual doorway. The general objection was that the roof line was too low and the architect was instructed to raise it in some way so that it would be above the portions of the building to either side.

The proposed resolution to approve the preliminary design was then reworked to approve the design with the condition that the new design of the center portion be reviewed. Mr. Wheat was asked to make that review.

The Committee, on motion, then adopted the reworded resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR THE DARDEN SCHOOL  
EXPANSION

RESOLVED that the preliminary design, dated February 25, 2000, and prepared by Ayers/Saint/Gross of Baltimore, for the Darden School Expansion project is approved for further development and construction. The design of the central pavilion of the Bookstore end of the Sponsors Hall Addition, however, is to be reworked and presented for review, with the understanding that the modifications in the plan will not affect the construction schedule for the project.

(See also the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, February 26, 2000.)

Mr. Anderson next reviewed the preliminary design for the White Burkett Miller Center Addition and Renovation project. The Committee had seen these plans at its November 23, 1999 meeting when it approved the schematic design.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the preliminary design, and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the Board of Visitors meeting of February 26, 2000).

At Ms. Sheehy's request, Mr. Anderson reviewed the preliminary design, done by Train & Spencer of Charlottesville, for the Law School Expansion Project. The schematic design was approved the Committee at its meeting on November 23, 1999.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the preliminary design, and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors of February 26, 2000).

Mr. Anderson described an update, recently done, of the Blandy Farm Master Plan of 1986.

Ms. Sheehy then gave a status report on the Groundswalk. The first part of the project is to include the bridge over Emmet Street. Authorization to proceed with this was requested in the Governor's Budget submission to the General Assembly. If the authorization is approved, it will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Bids for an architect can then be let out; if all proceeds according to schedule, this phase of the Groundswalk would be done in the summer of 2002. In response to a question from Mrs. Holland, Ms. Sheehy reckoned the total cost of the entire Groundswalk project at \$15m.

The Chair reported on actions taken by the Committee at its November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Ms. Sheehy gave a brief report on Fayerweather Hall. The University had asked for money in the Governor's Budget for the renovation of Fayerweather Hall and construction of a new Studio Art Building, but the appropriation did not appear in the Budget submitted to the General Assembly. An amendment was put in but was rejected by the House of Delegates. The Senate, however, has authorized \$9m for the Studio Art Building and \$400,000 for planning the renovation of Fayerweather Hall. If the Senate's action survives the Conference on the Budget Bill and is signed into law by the Governor, it will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. At that point, an architect can be engaged. In reply to a question from Mr. Ross, Ms. Sheehy estimated that planning would take about a year and construction another eighteen months beyond that.

Mr. Small, in a kind of summation of the work of the Committee during his membership, said that Mr. Anderson's work as Architect for the University has given real focus to planning and design, which has improved enormously under his leadership.

The Rector paid tribute to Mr. Small's work, dedication, and service to the University.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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