

June 17, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

James C. Wheat, III, Chair  
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.  
William H. Goodwin, Jr.  
Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.  
Terence P. Ross  
Benjamin P.A. Warthen  
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Charles M. Caravati, Jr.	Timothy B. Robertson
Charles L. Glazer	Elizabeth A. Twohy
T. Keister Greer	Walter F. Walker
Elsie Goodwyn Holland	Joseph E. Wolfe

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

RE: Minutes of the Buildings and Grounds Committee  
Meeting on June 17, 2000

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2000, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; James C. Wheat, III, Chair, presided. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Stephen S. Phelan, Jr., Benjamin P.A. Warthen, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present. Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Charles L. Glazer, T. Keister Greer, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Walter F. Walker, and Joseph E. Wolfe.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Peter W. Low, Robert D. Sweeney, William W. Harmon, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Gene D. Block, L. Jay Lemons, Samuel A. Anderson, III, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

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

The Consent Agenda, which constituted the first part of the whole, consisted of seven items. The first three items were proposed resolutions selecting architects: Allied Works Architecture, Inc. of Portland, Oregon for the addition to Campbell Hall; RTKL Associates, Inc. of Baltimore for the Hospital Expansion project; and Henningson, Durham, and Richardson of Alexandria for Medical Research Building #6 (MR-6). The next two items were proposed resolutions approving architectural design guidelines for two projects: the addition to Campbell Hall and MR-6; the guidelines for both projects were prepared by the Architect for the University. The last Consent Agenda items were resolutions approving the removal of the Vyssotsky Cottage Garage on Observatory Mountain and the carriage house garage behind Faulkner House (the Miller Center) in the Old Ivy Road.

The Committee adopted resolutions approving all seven proposals and recommended them to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 17, 2000.)

The next item on the Agenda was the approval of the preliminary design of the Monroe Lane Student Residence, which will replace the Gildersleeve Apartment building in Monroe Lane, just off Jefferson Park Avenue. The project was approved by the Board of Visitors on May 29, 1998, the architectural design guidelines and the demolition of the Gildersleeve Apartment building and two adjacent residences was approved on February 25, 2000, and the schematic design on April 14, 2000. Mitchell/Matthews Architects of Charlottesville are the architects for the project.

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, June 17, 2000.)

The final action item on the Agenda was a resolution required by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in connection with the construction of the footbridge over Emmet Street near Massie Road; the footbridge, which was approved by the Committee on June 15, 1999, will be part of the Groundswalk. The resolution, in accordance with VDOT construction allocation procedures, requests VDOT to establish an urban system highway project for the construction of the footbridge.

The Committee adopted the necessary resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 17, 2000.)

Ms. Sheehy then gave two reports. The first was on the Groundswalk.

She and her staff have met with Mr. Sweeney and several of his staff to devise both a strategy and a fund-raising brochure for the Groundswalk. A final version of the brochure should be done by the end of the summer. The possibility of a footbridge over University Avenue at the Rugby Road intersection, between a point near Fayerweather Hall and another near the Chapel, is being investigated. Advertising for architects and engineers for the Groundswalk project will begin shortly after the first of July and approval of the selection committee's choice most likely will be sought from the Committee in September. There probably will be a year of planning and design after that.

Ms. Sheehy deferred to the President for brief comments on the proposed Arts Precinct; in doing so, she said there would be a detailed discussion of plans for the Precinct at the September meeting of the Committee.

The President said the structural requirements for the proposed Studio Art building almost certainly will mean a design which will be a departure from the prevailing styles of buildings on the Grounds. The studios in the building must have exposure to large amounts of northern light; this, together with site problems, will mean a design with a great deal of glass surfaces. The President said that over the last several years, he has made it a point to look at studio buildings on campuses around the country. Some of these have very successful designs, others less so, but all have the large expanses of glass that are required for buildings of this sort.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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