

June 17, 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.	Timothy B. Robertson
Charles L. Glazer	Terence P. Ross
William H. Goodwin, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Twohy
T. Keister Greer	Walter F. Walker
Elsie Goodwyn Holland	Benjamin P.A. Warthen
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.	James C. Wheat, III
Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on the  
University of Virginia's College at Wise

The Committee of the Board of Visitors on the University of Virginia's College at Wise met, in Open Session, at 10:50 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2000, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Chair, presided. Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present. Also present were Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Charles L. Glazer, William H. Goodwin, Jr., Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., 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, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, L. Jay Lemons, Peter W. Low, William W. Harmon, Gene D. Block, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

Mrs. Champ Clark was present as a special guest.

The Chair spoke briefly about the Action items on the Agenda, which he asked Mr. Lemons, the Chancellor, to present.

The first item was a proposed resolution approving the bylaws of the Board of the University of Virginia's College at Wise. The bylaws were adopted by the Wise Board on June 17, 1998 and approved by the Board of Visitors on October 8, 1998. Action taken by the General Assembly and a routine review of the bylaws suggested some changes, and these were approved the College's Board on May 12, 2000.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the amended bylaws and recommended it to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 17, 2000. The Minutes contain, as an Attachment, the full text of the amended bylaws.)

For the second item, Mr. Lemons proposed a resolution appointing several persons to the Board of The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The nominees were Ms. Marcia Adams-Gilliam of Abingdon, an alumna of the College; Mr. Don Green of Wise, also a graduate of the College; Mr. Ronnie Montgomery of Lee County; the Honorable Ford C. Quillen, who has served on the Board for a year; and Mr. Henry R. Winkler, who also has served on the Board for a year.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the nominations, and recommended it to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 17, 2000.)

Mr. Lemons then reported on a miscellany of matters. Referring to Mr. Glazer's motion commending Mr. Wolfe's involvement with the Appalachian School of Law, (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 17,

2000) Mr. Lemons noted that the majority of the members of the School's first graduating class are also alumni of the College.

Mr. Lemons then made his annual presentation of the Samuel Crockett Award, which is given to a friend of the College at the University. The Award is named for one of the founders of the College who was also its first administrator. The Award this year was given to Mr. Champ Clark, who was recuperating from surgery and thus was not able to receive it in person. Although Mrs. Clark was there to receive it on his behalf, Mr. Lemons said the Award actually was meant for both of them. He recalled that soon after Mr. Clark was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 1996, but was not yet formally sworn in as a Member, he and Mrs. Clark attended the graduation exercises at the College. Mr. Clark brought greetings to the graduates from the Board of Visitors, greetings which meant a great deal to the College and to the members of the graduating class.

Since that first visit, Mr. Lemons said, Mr. and Mrs. Clark have visited the College many times and have taken an active role in its life. They have become beloved in Southwest Virginia because of the personal interest they have taken in the College and in the area.

Mrs. Clark was at the meeting to accept the Award, and the Rector invited her to speak. She reported that Mr. Clark had had a difficult time but was doing well, in part because of the excellent care he was receiving at the Medical Center. She then read a brief statement that he had composed: "I can't remember when I have been so pleased or so grateful. Let me simply say this - my work with The University of Virginia's College at Wise was very much a labor of love. I have learned to love the place and the people..."

The Rector remarked that Mr. Clark, who went off the Board in March, had been a fine Member and he recalled, in particular, the monumental survey Mr. Clark did of Board procedures and actions.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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