

October 6, 2000

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, Ex Officio

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, Jr.	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 October 6, 2000

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 6, 2000, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided. Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Stephen S. Phelan, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Walter F. Walker, Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Charles L. Glazer, William H. Goodwin, Jr., Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Terence P. Ross, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, and James C. Wheat, III.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Gene D. Block, Robert W. Cantrell, M.D., Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert D. Sweeney, William W. Harmon, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., L. Jay Lemons, Robert Grainger, Ms. Pamela M. Norris, David Britz, Ms. Jennifer Johnson, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair, in the absence of the Provost, asked Mr. Block, Vice President for Research and Public Service, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Block reminded the Committee that at the June Board of Visitors meeting, Members had asked about the availability of computer science classes. He reported that the demand for these classes has grown significantly over the last decade - in the School of Engineering, for example, over half of the undergraduates are majoring in "CISE" - Computer and Information Science and Engineering.

There have been dramatic increases, outside the School of Engineering, in the number of students seeking computer courses.

As a result, the School of Engineering has added sections to its basic computer courses and the College had instituted Media Studies 110, which is offered under the auspices of the Robertson Media Center. Information Technology also is offering what they call "skill courses." The School of Engineering is trying to raise money to support the hiring of additional faculty and the Provost last year allocated \$100,000 to pay for additional instruction.

In reply to questions, the President said the Provost's Office is trying an interdisciplinary approach to meet some of these needs.

Mr. Goodwin and other Members said money should be found if lack of money is a problem.

Mr. Block then introduced Mr. Robert Grainger, Professor of Biology and Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate. Mr. Grainger reported on activities of the Senate vice Ms. Patricia Werhane, Chair of the Senate, who could not be present.

Mr. Grainger talked about the interplay between teaching and research, a particular interest of the Faculty Senate last year. He emphasized the interest of undergraduates in research and he introduced two students who received David Harrison Awards during the past year to support their research projects. Ms. Pamela Norris of the School of Engineering introduced her student Mr. David Britz, who described his work. Ms. Jennifer Johnson, an undergraduate in the Curry School of Education, described her research project.

Mr. Block then reviewed a number of research efforts at the University - National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health projects, the University's interest in nanotechnologies, new involvements with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, the development of new research relationships in Japan and the creation of the Ivy Foundation. The latter will support biomedical research at the University and has been formed through the efforts of Mr. William Battle of Charlottesville, a former Member of the Board of Visitors.

The President gave a brief update on the work of the 2020 Commissions - the four strategic planning commissions.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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