

April 5, 2001

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., M.D.	Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.
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Charles L. Glazer	Timothy B. Robertson
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Benjamin P.A. Warthen	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on the University  
of Virginia's College at Wise on April 5, 2001

The Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise met in Open Session, at 5:55 p.m., Thursday, April 5, 2001, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Chair, presided. Joseph E. Wolfe and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Charles L. Glazer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Timothy B. Robertson, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, Thomas A. Saunders, III, and Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.

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

The Chair gave a brief summary history of the College and talked about its mission, aspirations, and place in Southwest Virginia.

He then asked Mr. Culbertson, the Chancellor *ad interim*, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Culbertson first reported on a variety of subjects. The College has a formal relationship with Dumlupinar University in Turkey. On a trip there recently, several Wise faculty members became aware of the inadequacies of the University's library. On their return to the College, they made arrangements to have 25,000 books shipped to Turkey for the library. Mr. Brent Kennedy, the Vice Chancellor for Development, has resigned to accept a position in Tennessee. Under Mr. Kennedy's leadership, Mr. Culbertson reminded the Committee, the College carried out a very successful capital campaign.

Mr. Culbertson then gave a brief report on the College at the General Assembly this Session, particularly the effect of the budgetary impasse. He noted that the fiftieth anniversary of the College will be in 2004 and that anniversary celebrations will begin in 2003.

Mrs. Holland urged that the Board hold a meeting at the College.

Mr. Culbertson then discussed the matter of the College's athletic affiliation. For some years, Wise has belonged to the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics). In 1999, the College was accepted as a provisional member of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), a status which lasts four years. Last October, Chancellor Lemons appointed a committee to undertake a thorough review of the College's athletic program and make recommendations. The committee in December recommended to the College's Board that Wise move to NCAA Division III. The Chair of the Board appointed a committee to study the matter further. That committee recommended to the Board last month that the College continue its affiliation with the NAIA. The Board gave its unanimous approval to this recommendation on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

There followed a discussion on ways in which the College's teams might compete with private schools - such as Emory and Henry College, which is nearby - in Virginia and nearby.

The Chair gave a brief report on the search for a new Chancellor. President Casteen in the fall appointed a 14 person search committee. The Committee received 60 resumes and winnowed that down to 20 candidates; nine of these were chosen as semi-finalists. The Committee expects to conclude its work shortly.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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