

June 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

T. Keister Greer, Chair
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
Elizabeth A. Twohy
Sasha L. Wilson
Joseph E. Wolfe
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	William H. Goodwin, Jr.
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D.	Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.	Timothy B. Robertson
Thomas F. Farrell, II	Terence P. Ross
Charles L. Glazer	Thomas A. Saunders, III
Benjamin P.A. Warthen	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational Policy
Committee on June 15, 2001

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:30 am, Friday, June 15, 2001, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided. Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Thomas F. Farrell, II, Charles L. Glazer, William H. Goodwin, Jr., Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, Thomas A. Saunders, III, and Benjamin P.A. Warthen.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Peter W. Low, Gene D. Block, Robert W. Cantrell, M.D., Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Ms. Yoke San Reynolds, Edward L. Ayers, Robert Grainger, George E. Culbertson, Steven H. Kaplan, and Ms. Jeanne Flipppo Bailes.

Ms. Abby Fifer, President of the Student Council, attended by special invitation of the Rector.

The Chair asked Mr. Low, Vice President and Provost, to present the Agenda.

The first eight items on the Agenda called for "consent" action by the Committee.

The first of these was a conflict of interest exemption involving Mr. Gabriel Laufer of the faculty and the technology company Avir, LLC, with whom the School of Engineering and Applied Science is negotiating a sponsored research contract. On motion, the necessary resolution was adopted and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 16, 2001).

The second item was a conflict of interest exemption involving Mr. Jeffrey Hesler of the faculty, the firm Virginia Diodes, Inc., and a research contract being negotiated by the School of Engineering. On motion, the appropriate resolution was adopted and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 16, 2001).

The third item also involved Virginia Diodes, Inc., Mr. Hessler and two other faculty members - Messrs. Thomas Crowe and William Bishop. The School of Engineering is negotiating a sponsored research contract in this instance as well. On motion, the Committee adopted the requisite resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 16, 2001).

The fourth item involved another sponsored research contract being negotiated by the School of Engineering, in this instance with the Setagon, Inc., in which Mr. Michael Reed, a member of the faculty, and Mr. Whye-Kei Lye, a research associate, have interests. The appropriate resolution was adopted by the Committee and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 16, 2001).

The fifth and final conflict of interest exemption involved sponsored research contracts being negotiated by the School of Medicine with AlGlutamine, LLC. Dr. Richard Guerrant and Mr. Timothy Macdonald, members of the faculty, have interests in this company. On motion, 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 16, 2001).

The last three Consent Agenda items were renamings of two professorships and a lectureship, which were established some years ago by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation. The Foundation recently changed its name to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and the proposed changes in the professorships and the lectureship reflect this. The professorships thus would be the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professorship in Architecture, and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professorship in Law; the lectureship would be changed to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Lectureship. The three resolutions making these changes were adopted by the Committee and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 16, 2001).

Mr. Low introduced Mr. Gene Block, the Provost-elect, and Mr. Edward Ayers, the Dean-elect of Arts & Sciences. Mr. Block and Mr. Ayers both addressed the Committee briefly and both talked about some of the things they hope to accomplish in their new positions.

Mr. Low then introduced Mr. Robert Grainger, Professor of Biology and the new Chair of the Faculty Senate. Mr. Grainger reviewed some of the activities of the Senate over the past year and suggested initiatives the Senate might undertake in the forthcoming year.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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