

October 19, 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 October 19, 2001

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 19, 2001, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided. Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Ms. Sasha L. Wilson, 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., Charles L. Glazer, William H. Goodwin, Jr., Gordon F. Rainey, 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, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Gene D. Block, Ms. Yoke San Reynolds, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, R. Ariel Gomez, M.D., William W. Harmon, Robert M. Grainger, Carl P. Zeithaml, Robert S. Harris, Richard Herskowitz, Ms. Vanessa Ochs, Jonathan Grimm, Ms. Elizabeth Whelan, Steven H. Kaplan, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

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

The action items were all Consent items and all conflict of interest exemptions as follows: between the School of Engineering and Direct Vapor Technologies International, Incorporated (DVTI, Inc.); between the School of Medicine and ContraVac, Inc.; and between the School of Medicine and Biophile, Inc.

The necessary resolutions waiving the conflicts of interest were adopted by the Committee and recommended to the full Board of Visitors for approval at the Board meeting on October 19th (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors of that date).

Mr. Block introduced Mr. Robert Harris, the new Dean of the Darden School; Mr. Harris addressed brief remarks to the Committee.

Mr. Block then outlined for the Committee the goals of his office for the 2001-2002 academic year: implementation of the recommendations of the 2020 Commissions, together with integrated strategic planning; improvements in graduate programs; improvements in the recruitment, hiring and retention of women and minorities; international program planning; and a thorough review of the undergraduate curriculum.

Mr. Block next introduced Dr. Ariel Gomez, the Interim Vice President for Research and Public Service. Dr. Gomez

gave the Committee a brief review of research funding and some recent and notable accomplishments in scientific research.

Next, Mr. Block introduced Mr. Richard Herskowitz, the Director of the Virginia Film Festival. Mr. Herskowitz described the forthcoming Festival, which will run from October 25 through October 28. He pointed out that the Festival is the only such gathering based in a university.

In introducing Mr. Robert Grainger, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Mr. Block noted that at many institutions, the Senate and the Provost are adversaries. This is not the case at the University, however, and the Senate and the Provost work together in a very productive relationship.

Mr. Grainger told the Committee he wanted to make undergraduate research the subject of his report. He introduced two students, Jonathan Grim and Elizabeth Whelan, both of whom received Harrison Awards to pursue their studies last summer. Mr. Grim is a 4th year Chemistry major and a student of Milton Brown, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Mr. Grim described his work on synthetic anticonvulsants, all of which has been done in Mr. Brown's laboratory. Ms. Whelan is a major in Religious Studies and a student of Ms. Vanessa Ochs, who introduced her to the Committee. Ms. Whelan described her work in Honduras last summer where she spent six weeks studying and photographing the relief work of the Catholic Church in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

Mr. Grainger said the Harrison Awards program, which supports summer research for selected undergraduates, is ending after three years. The program has been supported by the President's Office and by the Provost and Mr. Grainger said a goal of the Faculty Senate this year will be a search for the means to continue it. He went on to say that another goal will be to explore the connections between Science and Society, which will be the subject of a series of lectures this year, sponsored by the Senate. The President commented that the lecturers in the series are most distinguished and that he knows of no other instance where a faculty senate has undertaken something of this sort.

The President also explained that the Harrison Awards have been supported by a gift from Mr. David Harrison of Prince George County. At Mr. Harrison's death, there will be a substantial bequest to fund things of this sort.

Mr. Block then introduced Mr. Carl Zeithaml, the Dean of the McIntire School of Commerce, explaining that he plans to bring the various Deans to meetings of the Committee over the next two years, to make presentations on their respective schools.

Mr. Zeithaml presented what he called "The New Millenium Strategy: *A Five-year Plan to Achieve Preeminence*;" the plan was issued in December, 2000 but was revised this month. The plan sets the goals of achieving and being recognized "as the best and most innovative undergraduate business program in the world;" to "achieve and be recognized for unsurpassed excellence and innovation in graduate degree and non-degree programs;" and "to contribute significantly to business knowledge and innovation in selected areas." He went on to describe the present areas of excellence in the School and to list aspirations.

Two principal means of achieving these goals, Mr. Zeithaml said, are increasing the number of endowed professorships and diversifying the School's revenue streams.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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