June 1, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

T. Keister Greer, Chair
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr.
Don R. Pippin
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Elizabeth A. Twohy
E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.          William H. Goodwin, Jr.
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.    Mark J. Kington
Thomas F. Farrell, II          Terence P. Ross
Charles L. Glazer              Thomas A. Saunders, III
                                 Warren M. Thompson

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational Policy Committee

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 9:35 a.m., Saturday, June 1, 2002, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided. Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr., Don R. Pippin, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Mark J. Kington, Terence P. Ross, Warren M. Thompson.

BECAUSE OF MALFUNCTIONING RECORDING EQUIPMENT, THESE MINUTES ARE A RECONSTRUCTION.

The Chair proposed two Consent Agenda resolutions. The first of these dealt with a conflict of interest exemption, as specified in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The University is negotiating sponsored research contracts with Adenosine Therapeutics, LLC, a biotechnology company in which six faculty members own three percent or less of equity and five faculty members own in excess of three percent. Under the law, the Board of Visitors must approve a waiver of conflict of interest of the five faculty members who own in excess of three percent of equity.

The necessary resolution was adopted and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 1, 2002).

The second resolution approved the election of four members of the Miller Center Council: Ms. Glynn Key and Messrs. Michael D. Beschloss, Mortimer M. Caplin, and John William Galbraith. Each is to serve a term of three years.

The necessary resolution was approved and recommended to the full Board for adoption (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 1, 2002).

The Vice President and Provost, Mr. Block, asked Ms. Karen van Lengen, Dean of the School of Architecture, to give a report to the Committee on the School. Ms. van Lengen described the organization of the School, its programs (its graduate programs, she pointed out, are ranked by U.S. News and World Report as sixth best in the country) and the accomplishments of its faculty and students.

Dr. Gomez, Interim Vice President for Research and Public Service, gave a report on research activities at the University. He called it "How UVA Research Benefits the Commonwealth and the Nation," and he tied it to a report of the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia, issued in May, on the condition of research at Virginia colleges and universities. The SCHEV report lists deficiencies in research at Virginia institutions and Dr. Gomez spoke to the University's needs in this regard: according
to the SCHEV guidelines, the University needs roughly 1 million more square feet for its research efforts; the University must recruit and retain more faculty, researchers and graduate students. The SCHEV report noted that the “state’s efforts to coordinate its policies in support of academic research have been limited.” Dr. Gomez said that for the University, “research needs to be considered a state priority.” He said that undergraduate instruction overshadows graduate studies and research and he pointed out that “teaching and research are inextricably linked.”

Dr. Gomez concluded his report with some examples of successful research efforts at the University.

Finally, Mr. Block asked Mr. Robert Grainger, Professor of Biology and outgoing Chair of the Faculty Senate, to give a report on the Senate’s activities over the past academic year.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

AGG:jb
These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors website.
http://www.virginia.edu/bov/educationalminutes.html