

**FULL BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 3, 2002**

FULL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2002

4:00 p.m.

Chapel of All Faiths

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

AGENDA

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- Kenneth Asbury Professorship

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: October 3, 2002

COMMITTEE: Full Board

AGENDA ITEM: Establishment of Professorship
Approval to establish Professorship
in History Fund at The University
of Virginia's College at Wise

KENNETH ASBURY PROFESSORSHIP

BACKGROUND: The Kenneth Asbury Professorship in History Fund was created at The University of Virginia's College at Wise with a lead gift from Ms. Lelia Maude Richmond and other generous donors. Honoring Mr. Asbury's leadership in the founding and continuing growth of the College and his many years of extraordinary service as a member of the College's Board, the fund will attract and retain an eminent scholar on the faculty.

DISCUSSION: Kenneth P. Asbury has given a lifetime of service to Southwest Virginia and particularly to Wise County. An alumnus of Washington and Lee University and of its School of Law, at one time he was Town Attorney for all of the towns in Wise County. He has been involved on every major board and committee in the area and the breadth of these involvements is truly astounding.

Mr. Asbury was one of "the three Wise men" who went to see Colgate Darden on February 18, 1954 when he was President of the University. He and Fred B. Greear and William Thompson proposed to Mr. Darden the establishment of a public college in Southwest Virginia. Mr. Darden was convinced by their arguments and this led to the establishment of Clinch Valley College under the aegis of the University. Mr. Asbury has been involved with the College ever since, serving as a member of its Board and the Board's predecessor, the Clinch Valley College Advisory Council, of which he was Chairman.

The Kenneth Asbury Professorship Fund in History meets the \$250,000 threshold set by the Board of Visitors for the establishment of an endowed professorship and matching state appropriations. The establishment of the Kenneth Asbury Professorship in History has been approved by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board and is being forwarded to the Board of Visitors for consideration.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors

APPROVAL OF THE KENNETH ASBURY PROFESSORSHIP

WHEREAS, Kenneth Asbury was instrumental in the founding, in 1954, of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, then known as Clinch Valley College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Asbury's unwavering and extraordinary commitment to the College, his work on the Advisory Board, and the subsequent College Board, has been instrumental in the College's continuing growth and achievements; and

WHEREAS, through generous gifts from Lelia Maude Richmond and others, funds were garnered to honor Mr. Asbury with a permanent endowed professorship; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this endowed professorship will bring academic excellence to the College community;

RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors approves the establishment of the Kenneth Asbury Professorship in History and thanks Mr. Asbury for his commitment and many years of generous service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise.