

January 31, 2003

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 on January 31, 2003

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2003, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided.

Ms. 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 The Hon. Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Thomas F. Farrell, II, William H. Goodwin, Jr., Mark J. Kington, and Warren M. Thompson.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Gene D. Block, R. Edward Howell, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, R. Ariel Gomez, M.D., Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., William W. Harmon, Steven H. Kaplan, Michael J. Smith, and Ms. Jeanne Flipppo Bailes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA - Approval to Offer a New Graduate Degree Program: Master of Public Health (MPH) in the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Mr. Block proposed a new degree, the Master of Public Health (MPH). The MPH, he said, would be developed as a spin-off from the public health track of the existing Master's in Health Evaluation Sciences (HES) that is presently offered through the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and administered by the Department of Health Evaluation Sciences in the School of Medicine. The HES program is an academically rigorous course of study within a prescribed curriculum based on the fundamentals of epidemiology, biostatistics, statistical computing, and data management.

The fiscal impact of the new MPH degree, Mr. Block said, would be minimal with many of the necessary basic courses already being offered. There will be no additional faculty, equipment or space required.

The Arts and Sciences faculty and the Faculty Senate have approved the degree; it must now be approved by the Board of Visitors before it is forwarded to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for approval.

On motion, the Committee adopted the following resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

APPROVAL TO OFFER A NEW GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM: MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) IN THE COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

RESOLVED that, subject to approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Master of Public Health (MPH) be established in the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

CONSENT AGENDA: Election of Mr. Eugene V. Fife to the Miller Center Governing Council

Mr. Block told the Committee that the Miller Center Governing Council wishes to nominate Mr. Eugene V. Fife of Charlottesville to membership on the Council. The Educational Policy Committee must approve such nominations and then forward them to the full Board for approval.

Mr. Fife, a native of Hinton, West Virginia and an alumnus of Virginia Tech and the Graduate School of the University of Southern California, has had a distinguished business career: he worked for Goldman, Sachs & Co. for over 25 years and was a General Partner. After retiring from Goldman, Sachs, he founded Vawter Capital LLC, a private equity firm which he established in Charlottesville.

Mr. Fife has been a member of the Medical Center Operating Board since last spring. His term on the Miller Center Governing Council would be for three years.

On motion, the Committee adopted the following resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

ELECTION OF MR. EUGENE V. FIFE TO THE MILLER CENTER GOVERNING COUNCIL

RESOLVED that Mr. Eugene V. Fife of Charlottesville is elected a member of the Miller Center Governing Council, effective February 1, 2003, for a term of three years.

Vice President's Remarks

The Chair asked Mr. Block for his usual report.

Mr. Block addressed several issues: the number of tenured and tenure-track faculty, the rates of their resignations or retirement, the student/faculty ratios in several of the schools of the University, and so on. He also touched on questions of scientific research at the University, including sources of outside funding.

Report by the Chair of the Faculty Senate

Finally, the Chair asked Mr. Michael Smith, Chair of the Faculty Senate, to give his customary report on recent activities of the Senate.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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