

**FULL BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
FEBRUARY 6, 2004**

FULL BOARD MEETING

Friday, February 6, 2004

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Dome Room, The Rotunda

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BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: February 6, 2004

COMMITTEE: Full Board

AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Establishment of Professorship
Approval to establish Distinguished
Professorship in Religion, Culture
and Social Theory

LABROSSE-LEVINSON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN RELIGION,
CULTURE AND SOCIAL THEORY

BACKGROUND: Ms. Wynette LaBrosse and Mr. Frank Levinson of Palo Alto, California, have made a very generous gift to establish a professorship to be held in the Center on Religion, Culture and Social Theory in the College. Ms. LaBrosse is the President of the Agora Foundation in San Mateo, California and Mr. Levinson is the President and Chief Technical Officer of Finisar Corporation, a fiber optic communication systems company that he started in 1987. Mr. Levinson is an alumnus of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, having taken the M.A. in Astronomy in 1978 and the Ph.D. in 1980. He and Ms. LaBrosse also have been generous benefactors of the Department of Astronomy.

Ms. LaBrosse and Mr. Levinson are interested in how technology and religion can transform society, and they envision a professorship that would help the Center on Religion and Democracy explore the relationship between faith and public life.

The chair is to be called the LaBrosse-Levinson Distinguished Professorship in Religion, Culture and Social Theory.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the LaBrosse-Levinson Distinguished Professorship in Religion, Culture and Social Theory

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LABROSSE-LEVINSON DISTINGUISHED
PROFESSORSHIP IN RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIAL THEORY**

WHEREAS, Ms. Wynette LaBrosse and Mr. Frank Levinson of Palo Alto, California, have been generous friends of the University, of which Mr. Levinson is an alumnus; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaBrosse and Mr. Levinson both are keenly interested in how religion and technology can transform society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaBrosse and Mr. Levinson have made a thoughtful and generous gift to establish a professorship in the Center on Religion and Democracy;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the LaBrosse-Levinson Distinguished Professorship in Religion, Culture and Social Theory, to be held in the Center on Religion and Democracy in the College of Arts and Sciences, and thanks Ms. LaBrosse and Mr. Levinson for their continuing support of the University.

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AGENDA ITEM: I.B. Establishment of Professorship
Approval to establish Professorship
in Pharmacology in the School of
Medicine

JOSEPH AND FRANCES LARNER PROFESSORSHIP IN PHARMACOLOGY IN
THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

BACKGROUND: Dr. Joseph Larner, Alumni Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology, joined the faculty of the School of Medicine in 1969 as Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and served in that position until 1990. He is known for his research on insulin and its complex chemical program, particularly as related to glycogen synthesis. In 1987 he received the Banting Medal, the highest research honor given by the American Diabetes Association, and he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1988. He was a member of the Pharmacology Department for 31 years, and during that time he recruited two researchers to his lab, Dr. Alfred G. Gilman and Dr. Ferid Murad, who later won Nobel Prizes for work they did in Dr. Larner's laboratory.

Dr. and Mrs. Larner and others have contributed funds to establish a professorship in pharmacology with the intention of supporting diabetic research, specifically on insulin as related to glycogen synthesis, Dr. Larner's research specialty. The chair, to be known as the Joseph and Frances Larner Professorship in Pharmacology, is to be held in the Department of Pharmacology at the School of Medicine.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Joseph and Frances Larner Professorship in Pharmacology in the School of Medicine.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOSEPH AND FRANCES LARNER
PROFESSORSHIP IN PHARMACOLOGY IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Larner joined the faculty of the School of Medicine in 1969 as Chair of the Department of Pharmacology, a position he held until 1990; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larner, during his 31 years in the Department of Pharmacology, was known particularly for his research on the hormone insulin and its complex chemical program, specifically as related to glycogen synthesis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larner is a recipient of the Banting Medal and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Larner and others have contributed funds to establish a chair in the Department of Pharmacology;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Joseph and Frances Larner Professorship in Pharmacology, to be held in the Department of Pharmacology at the School of Medicine, thanks Dr. and Mrs. Larner and the other donors for their generosity, and salutes Dr. Larner for his distinguished contributions to his profession and to the University of Virginia.

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AGENDA ITEM: I.C. Establishment of Professorship;
Approval to establish Professorship
in the School of Law

JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW

BACKGROUND: Justice Thurgood Marshall by any estimation was a significant figure in the history of the United States in the 20th century. His tenure on the Supreme Court, which began in 1967 and ended in 1991, two years before his death, was the culmination of a distinguished legal career in defense of civil rights. He was Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund for more than 20 years and it was his strategy to use the courts to provide a definition of equality that assured black Americans the full rights of citizenship. His strategy took the case to the Supreme Court and culminated in the Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, which ended official segregation in all public institutions.

Before his appointment to the Court, he was Solicitor General of the United States and before that a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in Manhattan.

The University has had several connections to Justice Marshall. In 1978, the year Thurgood Marshall, Jr., took his B.A. from the College, Justice Marshall was the Speaker at the Commencement Exercises. Young Marshall went on to the Law School and took his J.D. in 1981. Elaine R. Jones, who finished the Law School in 1970, took Justice Marshall's old job as President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Four alumni of the Law School clerked for Justice Marshall during his time on the Court.

Over 100 donors have contributed to the Justice Thurgood Marshall Research Professorship in Law; almost all of them are African-American alumni of the Law School.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Justice Thurgood Marshall Research Professorship in Law.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW

WHEREAS, the late Justice Thurgood Marshall, as Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, devised the strategy of using the courts to provide a definition of equality that assured black Americans the full rights of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Justice Marshall's strategy led to the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Justice Marshall served on the Supreme Court for 24 years, having been previously Solicitor General of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Justice Marshall's distinguished career emphasizes the power of the law in effecting justice; and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred donors, most of them African-American alumni of the School of Law, have given generously toward the establishment of a chair honoring the contributions of Justice Marshall;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Justice Thurgood Marshall Research Professorship in Law, to be held in the School of Law, thanks the donors who have made the Professorship possible, and pays tribute to the memory of Justice Marshall and the contributions he made to the national life of the United States.

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AGENDA ITEM: II. Report on Namings;
Report on naming of the di Benedetto
Library and the Sarah DuBose Fund
Family Education Room

ACTION REQUIRED: None

According to established University policy, the naming of rooms is not brought to the Board for consideration once the namings have been approved by the University Names Committee. Instead, the President reports to the Board when namings of this sort have been done.

There are two namings to be reported to the Board at this meeting: The di Benedetto Library in the School of Medicine and the Sarah Du Bose Fund Family Education Room in the Children's Medical Center.

THE DI BENEDETTO LIBRARY IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The di Benedetto Library is the departmental library of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the School of Medicine. It was named at the request of the Department for Margarete di Benedetto, M.D., who retired on November 26th. Dr. di Benedetto, who has been nationally recognized for her work in electrodiagnosis, was recruited in 1989 from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to serve as the first Chair of the newly established Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She is also the first woman Chair of any department in the Medical School. Dr. di Benedetto retired as Chair in 1995 but continued to teach and conduct research until her retirement last fall.

THE SARAH DU BOSE FUND FAMILY EDUCATION ROOM IN THE
CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the Children's Medical Center has been renovated recently. At the request of the Health System, the Names Committee approved the naming of the Family Education Room in the renovated unit; the Room is to be known as the Sarah Du Bose Fund Family Education Room.

Sarah Du Bose was born at the University Hospital on February 2, 1994; she was 14 weeks early and weighed less than three pounds. She spent almost four months in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Medical Center and received care that her parents believe saved her life. She is now a happy and healthy ten-year old. Her parents, Sally and Charles Du Bose of Charlottesville, established the Sarah Du Bose Fund to provide support for the Children's Medical Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Du Bose have given generously of their time and resources to the Children's Medical Center and have organized a community effort, an effort which includes students at the University, to raise money for the Sarah Du Bose Fund. The naming of the Family Education Room honors the contributions the Fund has made to the support of the Children's Medical Center.