UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S
COLLEGE AT WISE
October 1, 2004
AGENDA

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BOARD MEETING: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: Interim Chancellor's Remarks

BACKGROUND: The Interim Chancellor, Mr. Ern, will report on items of interest to the Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ern will provide a brief summary of issues at The University of Virginia's College at Wise of which the Board should be aware, but do not require Board action. Mr. Ern will present an update on the College's 50th anniversary celebration.

ACTION REQUIRED: None
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COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's
College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: First-Year Student Resident Requirement

BACKGROUND: As the College works to achieve enrollment growth and the enhancement of its standing as a first-rate liberal arts institution, the residential program will play a critical role. The College is currently beginning construction on a new residential facility that will add 116 beds to our current bed capacity of 578. The College has never required on-campus housing of students; yet to build a truly residential community, by adopting an on-campus requirement holds the potential of helping with retention and will provide students with a more comprehensive collegiate experience.

DISCUSSION: The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the College met on August 17th, and recommended approval of the first-year student resident requirement. The College’s Board approved the resolution on September 3rd, and recommended approval by the Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise at its October meeting.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise and by the Board of Visitors
### APPROVAL OF THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENT RESIDENT REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise continues to strive to achieve enrollment growth and to enhance its standing as a first-rate liberal arts college; and

WHEREAS, the residential experience plays a critical role in the educational process of the College’s students; and

WHEREAS, students who are given the opportunity of residential living benefit through campus involvement, which ultimately enhances the quality of their residential experience, and has a positive impact on retention;

RESOLVED that effective Fall 2006, first-year students will be required to reside in on-campus residential facilities. Students may be exempted from this requirement provided that they fall outside the guidelines of the on-campus housing requirement.
All first-year students who are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours are required to live in on-campus housing during their first two regular semesters. Upon written request and with documentation supporting the request, the College’s Office of Residence Life may grant exceptions for students who are married or single parents, or who will reside in and commute from the home of their parents(s) or legal guardian, or when there are extenuating circumstances that reasonably justify an exemption.