UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S
COLLEGE AT WISE
September 26, 2005
COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

Monday, September 26, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
C. Bascom Slemp Student Center

Committee Members:
Don R. Pippin, Chair  W. Heywood Fralin
Alan A. Diamonstein  Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.  Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ex-Officio

AGENDA

9:00  Members arrive at the Lonesome Pine Airport
      Tour campus and facilities in bus provided
      by the College

10:00  Meeting convenes in the Slemp Student Center
      I.  Opening remarks by the Chair  1
      II. Remarks by the Chair of College's Board and
          Introduction of the Chancellor (Mr. Gott)  2
      III. Report on the University of Virginia’s
          College at Wise, with a Statement on the
          goals for the College by the Chancellor (Mr.
          Prior)
      IV. Reports to the Committee by Members of the
          Administration and the College’s Board (the
          Chair and Mr. Prior)
          A.  Enrollment (Mr. Necessary)
          B.  Diversity (Ms. Rogers)
          C.  Finance (Mr. Ewing)
          D.  Future Buildings and Darden Hall (Mr.
              Neuman)
          E.  Campaign (Ms. Gilliam)
          F.  External Affairs (Messrs Flanary & Kennedy)
          G.  Napoleon Hill Foundation (Mr. Green)
          H.  Academic Affairs (Mr. Blackburn)
          I.  Student Life (Mr. Juhan)
          J.  Development and College Relations (Mr.
              Knight)
          K.  Buildings and Grounds (Mr. Juhan)
          L.  Athletics (Mr. Spenilla)
V. Report on Legislative Affairs and Introduction of the General Assembly Delegation (Mr. Ewing)

11:45 Lunch at the Slemp Student Center

1:00 Dedication of Jefferson Statue (Messrs. Ern and Casteen)

2:00 Departure from Lonesome Pine Airport
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AGENDA ITEM: I. Opening Remarks by the Committee Chair

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Mr. Pippin serves as Chair of the Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Pippin will make appropriate introductions.
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AGENDA ITEM: II. Remarks by Chair of the College’s Board

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Mr. Gott, an alumnus and supporter, has served as Chair of the College’s Board for the past two years. One of his duties as the Board’s Chair was to serve as Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee. The Committee completed its work and made its recommendation to President Casteen in July 2005.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gott 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. He will introduce the new Chancellor of the College, Mr. David J. Prior.
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AGENDA ITEM: III. Chancellor's Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: At the Board Retreat in July, the Chair presented goals for The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The Board requested information on diversity at Wise. The Committee’s goals have been approved by the Chancellor.

DISCUSSION: The Chancellor will provide a report on the Committee’s goals with emphasis on diversity. The goals as presented are:

1. NEW STAFF: Add new classified and general administrative positions to bring our staffing levels equal to peer institutions and meet state standards and audit requirements.

2. NEW DORM: Develop plans and resource support for campus housing to accommodate one-half of the student body with additional dining facilities for all students.

3. NEW DEGREE PROGRAM: Acquire planning funds for a degree program in software engineering.

4. NEW LAND: Acquire contiguous properties to create an attractive environment surrounding the college and provide future grounds expansion.

5. NEW CONVOCATION CENTER: Acquire planning funds for Convocation Center.

6. DIVERSITY: Improve student diversity and sustain an inclusive academic community.
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AGENDA ITEM: IV. Reports by Members of the Administration and College's Board

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Members of the Administration and the College's Board will present reports on a variety of topics.

DISCUSSION: Brief reports will be presented on the following topics of interest to the Board, but will require no action by the Board.

A. Enrollment (Mr. Necessary, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management)
The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board has established a goal of 2,000 students by the fall semester 2010. With the success of the College's recruitment, retention, academic, and student life plans, this goal is projected to be reached by fall 2007. In addition, the College continues to strengthen the academic quality and diversity of each entering class. An update will be provided on the College's enrollment goals, recruitment, and retention plans.

B. Diversity (Ms. Rogers, Member of the Wise Board)
The College strives to recruit, enroll, and retain a geographically and multicultural diverse student body. The fall 2005 freshman and transfer classes were the most geographically and culturally diverse in the college's history. An update will be provided on the on-going efforts to expand and sustain a diverse campus.

C. Finance (Mr. Ewing, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Government Relations)
The College has a total operating budget for Fiscal Year 2006 of $26,553,567, of which the E&G portion is
$16,184,824. We have the second highest fund split between funds from the Commonwealth and tuition of four year institutions at a ratio of 63 – 37. For this year, the College had an increase in general fund appropriations of 25%, compared with the Commonwealth average of 21%. Our appropriation of additional general fund dollars over the original recommendation was 12%, the only institution with a double digit increase, and with a state average of 3%.

D. Future Buildings and Darden Hall (Mr. Neuman)
The College received authorization from the Department of Planning and Budget to submit proposals for the renovation of the old Science Building and for the renovation of Smiddy Hall, as well as for the construction of a new Information Technology building; all of these were presented in the College’s Six-Year Capital Plan. In addition the College is requesting authorization to expend non-general funds to move the construction of the next residence hall, and a new dining facility, forward on the Six-Year Capital Plan to the next biennium. This will allow the College to continue to meet the needs of the growing student body.

Currently under design is the renovation of Crockett Hall, the original building on campus, as well as the renovation and addition to the Drama Building which will include a privately funded art wing. The College is currently interviewing landscape architects to design the new entry way and storm drainage project.

The architectural design of Darden Hall has provoked a great deal of discussion both in the community and on campus. The architect of the University has put forth three potential modifications which would address some of these concerns.

E. Campaign (Ms. Gilliam, Member of the Wise Board and Co-Chair of the Campaign)
The Campaign, *Fulfilling the Dream...* now in its silent phase, began January 1, 2004. The campaign cabinet, co-chaired by Marcia Adams Gilliam, ’82, and Hunter J. Smith, held its first meeting on June 21, 2005, and met for the second time on September 20th. The Cabinet will establish the goal prior to the public kickoff in October 2006.
F. External Affairs (Messrs. Flanary and Kennedy, Members of the Wise Board)
On February 4, 2005, the Board of Visitors adopted a resolution endorsing the proposal to establish a VITA (Virginia Information Technologies Agency) back-up center in the Wise region. Since that time, college and regional officials have made a compelling case to VITA. A decision is imminent.

G. Napoleon Hill Foundation (Mr. Green, Member of the Wise Board and Executive Director of the Napoleon Hill Foundation)
Napoleon Hill was born in Wise County in 1883, and went on to become an advisor to three U.S. Presidents. In 1937 he wrote a motivational book: *Think and Grow Rich*, which has sold in excess of 25 million copies world-wide and remains very popular today. Prior to Napoleon Hill's death in 1970, he founded a non-profit educational foundation whose motto is "making the world a better place in which to live."

H. Academic Affairs (Mr. Blackburn, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor)
Students who enroll at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise should expect to become not only more knowledgeable but better and more effective persons as well. College should be a transformational experience wrought through the liberal arts. Students schooled in the liberal arts tradition will learn to think clearly, to articulate their ideas, and to make sound judgments about matters of importance in their lives. The other contributions to our students' lives include the academic majors, the first-year experience, community service, the Honor System, campus life, and study abroad.

I. Student Life (Mr. Juhan, Vice Chancellor for Administration)
Three aspects of student life have been transformational for the College over the past ten years. With the addition of two new residence halls, as well as changes in policy and practice, the residence life program has helped move the college toward a residential liberal arts experience. Beginning with the fall of 2006 all first year students will be required to live on campus. Student Activities/Intramurals and Outdoor Recreation serves as a flagship
program for the student life area. During the 2004-2005 academic year 12,468 students participated in intramural, outdoor recreation and student activities programs. Forty-eight percent of the total student body at the Wise campus participated in the intramural sports program. The third transformational component for the student life program has been the Slemp Student Center which now serves as the hub and living room of campus life.

J. Development and College Relations (Mr. Knight, Vice Chancellor for Development and College Relations)
The Office of Development and College Relations includes fundraising, alumni relations, media, special events, grants, public relations, and campaign activities. Two 501 (c) 3 corporations, The University of Virginia's College at Wise Foundation, Inc., and The University of Virginia's College at Wise Alumni Association, are affiliated with the College and operate under guidelines for University-related foundations.

K. Buildings and Grounds (Mr. Juhan, Vice Chancellor for Administration)
Consisting of a staff of thirty five, Facilities management includes eighteen maintenance, thirteen housekeepers and four landscapers charged with the responsibility of maintaining over thirty buildings, athletic facilities and grounds. The staff holds over eighty four certifications and twenty two licenses. Through the work of the facilities management staff, considerable progress has been made over the past two years in ADA projects as well as in transforming the grounds by standardizing lighting.

L. Athletics (Mr. Spenilla, Director of Athletics)
Since 2003, College teams have earned ten banners denoting championships, as well as regional and national play-off appearances. These achievements were made while having significantly higher academic standards and fewer scholarships than our competitors. Our athletes have also set high standards in citizenship and academic performance by earning the National Points of Light Foundation Award for Volunteerism and being voted the Appalachian Athletic Conference "Champions of Character" institution for two consecutive years. The student athlete graduation rate has consistently been 10% higher than the non-athlete rate for over ten years.
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AGENDA ITEM: V. Report on Legislative Affairs and Introduction of the General Assembly Delegation

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The Commonwealth of Virginia allows the College, as well as all state agencies, to submit requests to the Department of Planning and Budget for consideration for inclusion in the Governor's Biennial Budget.

DISCUSSION: Members of the Southwest Virginia Legislative delegation will be present to discuss, with the Committee, these proposals and the College's long-term needs.