

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S  
COLLEGE AT WISE  
April 6, 2006

COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF  
VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

Thursday, April 6, 2006  
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Dining Rooms 2 & 3, Abbott Center,  
The Darden School

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

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AGENDA ITEM: A. Software Engineering Major

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: At its February meeting, the Board approved the proposed Software Engineering major at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, as presented by Messrs. Block and Prior.

DISCUSSION: The College has received approval from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to begin the first undergraduate software engineering degree program in Virginia.

SCHEV unanimously endorsed the new major on March 14, during its regular business meeting. Faculty searches are now underway and the College will begin offering courses toward a degree in software engineering when the fall semester begins in August.

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AGENDA ITEM: B. Northrop Grumman - UVa-Wise  
Collaboration

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The College and Northrop Grumman have been working to establish a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining a formal partnership. The partnership will provide the College with funding for the operation of the "UVA-Wise/Northrup Grumman Collaborative" - as the partnership will be called, as well as priority hiring opportunities for students, paid student internships, and access to Northrop Grumman resources for teaching opportunities on campus. The College will work with Northrop Grumman to insure that the company has a talented and educated workforce to meet its goals in Southwest Virginia.

This public-private partnership will provide a foundation for the economy of Southwest Virginia to be transformed into a true 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. The development of technology-based jobs, with the College's computer science, MIS, and software engineering baccalaureate programs supporting them will enhance the region's opportunity for a changed economy.

DISCUSSION: Northrop Grumman has secured the Commonwealth of Virginia's ten-year \$2 billion contract for modernization, consolidation, and integration of Virginia's information technology systems and processes. Northrop Grumman selected Russell County (which is adjacent to Wise County), as the site of their center in Southwest Virginia and an additional site in Chesterfield County. The Russell County site will provide approximately 400 jobs with an average salary of \$51,000. Northrop Grumman has affirmed that the College at Wise was a factor in locating in Southwest Virginia.

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AGENDA ITEM: C. Legislative Update

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The final State Budget is unresolved as of this writing. Assuming that there is a resolution of the current impasse before the Committee's meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, a legislative update will be supplied at the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM: D. Construction Update

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Several capital projects at the College are in progress.

DISCUSSION: Current projects are:

- **Clock:** The Twinleaf Society (the retired faculty and staff organization) has donated a clock to the College. It has been installed, and the base is under construction.
- **Culbertson Hall:** The newest residence hall is nearing completion. Not only will it provide much needed housing, Culbertson Hall also contains a classroom, recreation area, apartment, study areas, public areas and a fireplace.
- **Crockett Hall:** Design work for the Crockett Hall renovation is nearing completion, and construction is expected to begin this summer. Crockett Hall will house the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, Academic Advising and the Bursar.
- **Dining Hall:** Governor Warner included \$7 million in his budget in Non General Fund Authorization for a new dining facility. Final General Assembly approval is expected soon.
- **Drama Building:** Design work for the renovation of the present drama building is continuing, with Value Engineering completed. Additional private funds will allow the art wing to be constructed at the same time as the original portion of the project. Upon completion, the entire Department of Visual and Performing Arts will be in the same building for the first time in the College's history. Construction of this project should also begin this summer.

- Entrance Project: The goal of this project is to enhance the visual appearance of the College, the initial traffic flow, and storm water drainage. The firm of David Hill and Associates is the designer.
- Residence Hall: Governor Warner's proposed Budget authorized \$8 million in Non General Funds for a new 120-bed residence hall. The firm of RMA has completed the preliminary blocking study. General Assembly approval of this Budget item is expected soon.
- Smiddy Hall: Governor Warner included \$9.1 million in General Funds in his budget.

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AGENDA ITEM: E. Progress Report on 05-06 Goals and  
Work Plan

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: In July 2005, the Board of Visitors Committee on  
the College at Wise established six goals:

1. Add new classified and general administrative positions to bring staffing levels equal to peer institutions and meet state standards and audit requirements.
2. Develop plans and resource support for campus housing to accommodate one-half of the student body with additional dining facilities for all students.
3. Acquire planning funds for a degree program in software engineering.
4. Acquire contiguous properties to create an attractive environment surrounding the college and provide future grounds expansion.
5. Acquire planning funds for Convocation Center.
6. Improve student diversity and sustain an inclusive academic community.

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