

April 6, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Committee on The University of Virginia's
College at Wise:

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

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Daniel R. Abramson	Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
A. Macdonald Caputo	Lewis F. Payne
Susan Y. Dorsey	Warren M. Thompson
Georgia Willis Fauber	E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Glynn D. Key	John O. Wynne
Anne Elizabeth Mullen	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia's
College at Wise Meeting on April 6, 2006

The Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise met, in Open Session, at 4:25 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2006, in the Abbott Center at the Darden School; Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided.

W. Heywood Fralin, The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., and Thomas F. Farrell, II, Rector, were present.

Also present were Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Mrs. Georgia Willis Fauber, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., and The Honorable Lewis F. Payne.

Ms. Elizabeth Mullen, the Student Member-elect, was present.

Present, too, were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Gene D. Block, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, David J. Prior, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

BECAUSE OF A BREAKDOWN IN THE RECORDING EQUIPMENT, THESE MINUTES ARE A RECONSTRUCTION

The Chair opened the meeting and asked the Chancellor, Mr. Prior, to report.

Mr. Prior reminded the Committee that the Board, at its February meeting, approved the proposed Software Engineering major at The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia subsequently approved the degree and the program will begin this coming fall. Mr. Prior said he and Mr. Aylor, the Dean of Engineering at the University, have begun discussions about the support the School of Engineering will give to the program.

The College at Wise and Northrup Grumman have been working to establish a Memorandum of Understanding on a formal partnership between the College and Northrup Grumman in Russell County.

Mr. Prior gave a brief summary of legislation, specifically, the State budget, affecting the College.

The Chancellor noted several construction projects slated to begin this summer: the main entrance to the College, Crockett Hall, the Drama Building, and Smiddy Hall. Planning for a new dining hall has begun, and planning is underway, too, for a new residence hall and for the renovation of the library. Mr. Prior said Mr. Neuman, the Architect for the University, has been of great help in leading the development of these projects and in updating the College's Master Plan.

Finally, Mr. Prior thanked the Southwest Virginia legislative delegation, as well as local governments in the area and the regional economic development agencies, for their help and support. Taken together, he said, their efforts "bode well for the economic revitalization of the region."

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The Chair gave a brief progress report on the Committee's Goals and Work Plan for 2005-2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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