January 20, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Mark J. Kington, Chair
Alan A. Diamonstein
Susan Y. Dorsey
W. Heywood Fralin
Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
Catherine S. Neale
Lewis F. Payne
Don R. Pippin
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

A. Macdonald Caputo             Glynn D. Key
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.      Warren M. Thompson
Georgia Willis Fauber             E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
                                   John O. Wynne

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on Friday, January 20, 2006

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 20, 2006, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Mark J. Kington, Chair, presided.

W. Heywood Fralin, Alan A. Diamonstein, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., Lewis F. Payne, Don R. Pippin, and Catherine S. Neale were present. Gordon F. Rainey, Jr. participated by telephone.

Also present were A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Georgia Willis Fauber, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., and Ms. Glynn D. Key.
Present as well were Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, David J. Prior, David J. Neuman, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair asked Ms. Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget, to present the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA – EASEMENT, BLANDY FARM

Ms. Sheehy proposed a resolution approving an easement at Blandy Farm, the University’s experimental farm in Clarke County. She explained that two property owners of parcels of land adjacent to the main access road to Blandy Farm, off US Route 50, have a gravel access drive which intersects the Blandy road very close to its intersection with the highway: it is thus not a safe junction. The proposed easement would move the drive back from the entrance.

The existing easement also provides access for the two property owners across Blandy Farm to Berry’s Ferry Road, at the back of Blandy. The access varies considerably in width. The new easement would standardize the width and provide for the installation of underground utilities.

On motion, the Committee approved the following resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

APPROVAL OF EASEMENTS AT BLANDY FARM

WHEREAS two existing permanent easements allowing adjacent property owners to access Route 50 through the Blandy Farm property in Clarke County are considered unsafe;

WHEREAS two existing permanent easements allowing the same adjacent property owners to access Berry’s Ferry Road through the Blandy Farm property range from a twenty foot width to an eighty foot width and may need modification in order to standardize the width of the easement and to provide for all utilities to be installed underground;

WHEREAS such potential modification is still under review;

RESOLVED that new permanent easements to two adjacent property owners, replacing existing permanent easements, for access to Route 50 across Blandy Farm on property owned by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia is approved;
RESOLVED FURTHER that modifications to existing permanent easements granting two adjacent property owners access to Berry’s Ferry Road across Blandy Farm on property owned by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, if required, is approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that appropriate officers of the University are authorized to execute said easements.

ACTION ITEMS:

SCHEMATIC DESIGN, ARTS GROUNDS PARKING GARAGE

Continuing to the regular Action Agenda, Ms. Sheehy proposed a resolution approving the schematic design for the Arts Grounds Parking Garage. Mr. Neuman, Architect for the University, reviewed the design with the Committee.

Mr. Neuman also discussed with the Committee changes in roadways and traffic patterns envisioned for the area as part of the Garage project.

The Garage is to be built across Culbreth Road from the Drama Education Building. It will have several levels and will accommodate about 525 cars, and the project is budgeted at $11,400,000. Of this sum, $6,900,000 will be provided by bonds, $1,100,000 from parking revenues, and $3million for unrestricted endowment earnings.

The concept, site and design guidelines were approved on December 8, 2004; Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. of Chesapeake, in association with Bushman-Dreyfus Architects, PLC of Charlottesville, were approved as project engineers on June 10, 2005.

On motion, the following resolution was approved by the Committee. Action by the full Board is not required, but the Committee’s resolution will be entered in the Minutes of the Board meeting as a matter of record.

APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE ARTS GROUNDS PARKING GARAGE

RESOLVED that the schematic design, dated January 20, 2006, and prepared by Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., of Chesapeake, for the Arts Grounds Garage is approved for further development as a design/build project and subsequent construction.
CAMPUS PLAN, THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

Mr. Neuman and Mr. Prior, Chancellor of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, reviewed the proposed Wise campus master plan. Wise’s plan is reviewed at least every ten years; the last such review resulted in a plan that was approved in 1997. Work on the current plan began in October, 2004.

The proposed plan takes into account growth in student housing and dining, more academic space and new roadways, parking and recreational space. The planners wish to create a more collegiate atmosphere, as well as to protect the natural beauty of the campus. The plan suggests avenues of growth in the future, beyond the ten year framework of the new plan.

The plan was reviewed and approved by the College at Wise Board on December 8, 2005.

On motion, the Committee approved the following resolution. No action by the full Board is required on this item, but the Committee’s resolution will be entered in the Minutes of the next Board of Visitors meeting as a matter of record.

APPROVAL OF THE 2005-2015 CAMPUS PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, the Campus Plan for The University of Virginia’s College at Wise was last updated in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed and brought up to date to meet the College’s present and future needs, through 2015;

RESOLVED that the 2005-2015 Campus Plan for The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, dated January 20, 2006, and prepared by The Office of the Architect for the University, is approved.

REVISED SCHEMATIC DESIGN, COLLEGE AT WISE CROCKETT HALL RENOVATION

Crockett Hall, the first academic building at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, was one of the original Poor Farm buildings - the College having been established on the site of the Poor Farm. In recent years, it was used as a dormitory, but it was closed several years ago because of its poor condition.
Mr. Neuman reminded the Committee that the renovation of Crockett Hall has been planned for several years and in fact the selection of the architect, Mitchell/Matthews, Architects & Planners of Charlottesville, was approved by the Committee on November 9, 2000. The original schematic design was approved on May 23, 2003; since then, however, it was determined that major design changes were warranted to contain cost escalation and to restore the historic character of the building.

Mr. Neuman then reviewed the revised plans with the Committee.

On motion, the Committee approved the revised schematic design. Further action by the full Board of Visitors is not required, but the following resolution will be entered in the Minutes of the next Board meeting as a matter of record:

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE RENOVATION OF CROCKETT HALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

RESOLVED that the revised schematic design, dated January 20, 2006, and prepared by Mitchell/Matthews, Architects & Planners of Charlottesville, for the renovation of Crockett Hall at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, is approved for further development and construction.

SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE NEW MAIN ENTRANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

Mr. Neuman reviewed with the Committee the schematic design for the new main entrance to the College at Wise. The so-called Main Entrance Project will create a formal entrance to the campus of the College as well as manage storm water; the Project is being coordinated with the renovation of Crockett Hall.

The budget for the Project is $2million, which will come from general funds provided by the Commonwealth with general obligation bonds. Hill Studio, PC of Roanoke is the landscape architect and Thompson and Litton of Wise is the associated engineer.

On motion, the Committee approved the schematic design. Further action by the full Board is not required, but the Committee’s resolution will be entered in the Minutes of the next Board of Visitors meeting as a matter of record.
APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE NEW MAIN ENTRANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

RESOLVED that the schematic design, dated January 20, 2006, and prepared by Hill Studio, PC of Roanoke, for the New Main Entrance project at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, is approved for further development and construction.

REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Sheehy, assisted by Mr. Neuman, reported on the 2005-2006 goals and work plan of the Committee, agreed to at the Board of Visitors Retreat last July. The areas covered were:

1. Historic asset management: Implementation and process
2. Environmental sustainability evaluation and process
3. Land use: Work plan, data analysis and enhanced process
4. Maintaining the University’s buildings and infrastructure
5. Board notification of up-coming design approval actions.

On the first point, historic asset management, Mr. Neuman said that surveys of Pavilion III and the President’s House on Carr’s Hill have been done and that publication is in progress. The second point, environmental sustainability, was reviewed briefly, as were the fourth and fifth points.

On the third point, land use, Mr. Neuman went into some detail on the work plan for land use, using slides to illustrate the implementation of the plan.

REPORT BY THE ARCHITECT FOR THE UNIVERSITY:

THE SOUTH LAWN PROJECT

Mr. Neuman showed conceptual sketches of the South Lawn project and said that the schematic design will be ready for review by the Committee at its March meeting. There was considerable discussion and questions asked by Members. The Chair and Mr. Fralin commented that the sketches make the buildings look spare and industrial.

Mr. Caputo suggested that there be a major ceremony to begin the project and that it be held in conjunction with the Campaign Kickoff in September. Mr. Rainey said this would be done if a sufficient number of gifts for the project have been pledged by then.
Mr. Neuman referred to a draft publication, *University of Virginia: Design Guide*, which had been distributed to Members, and invited comments after Members have had a chance to read it.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors website.
http://www.virginia.edu/bov/buildingsgroundsminutes.html