

January 20, 2006

MEMORANDUM

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

Don R. Pippin, Chair
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:

A. Macdonald Caputo	Lewis F. Payne
Susan Y. Dorsey	Warren M. Thompson
Glynn D. Key	E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Mark J. Kington	Georgia M. Willis
Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.	John O. Wynne
Catherine S. Neale	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia's
College at Wise Meeting on January 20, 2006

The Committee of the Board of Visitors on The University of Virginia's College at Wise met, in Open Session, at 8:45 a.m., Friday, January 20, 2006, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided. Alan A. Diamonstein, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., and W. Heywood Fralin were present.

Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., and Thomas F. Farrell, II, Rector, participated by telephone.

Also present were A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Mrs. Georgia Willis Fauber, Ms. Glynn D. Key, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., Lewis F. Payne, and Ms. Catherine S. Neale.

Present as well were Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, David J. Prior, Gene D. Block,

Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, William B. Harvey, and Ms. Jeanne Flipppo Bailes.

The Chair asked Mr. Prior, Chancellor of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Prior told the Committee that the gpa of the entering class is 3.5; the number of entering students has increased by 30% over the past four years.

Noting that the College is well on its way to meeting its projected enrollment of 2,000 four years ahead of 2010 - the goal established by the Wise College Board, the Board of Visitors, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Mr. Prior listed the needs that must be met in order to accommodate this growth. Additional dormitory beds is a critical priority, as is the construction of a new dining hall. There are needs for additional classroom and recreation space, and a need for more faculty - currently, the College is understaffed by 37 positions.

Mr. Prior reviewed the Campus Master Plan for the Committee. He said that beginning in October 2004, the Office of the Architect of the University started a master planning study at the College, using the same process that is used at the University. Among other things, the Plan calls student housing and dining to accommodate at least 1,000 resident students. The Plan also defines spaces on the campus to create a more collegiate atmosphere, takes into account the protection of the campus environment and provides for future growth.

Preparations for the Campaign at Wise continue, with the Campaign Cabinet having held two meetings. The Campaign Kickoff in the fall probably will take place in late October, a month after the University's Capital Campaign is launched.

Mr. Prior briefed the Committee on the proposal to create a major in Software Engineering, a proposal that is to be considered by the Educational Policy Committee later today. The proposed major would be a step in the College's efforts to expand its curriculum, as recommended by the Commission on Science and Engineering.

The Chair gave a progress report on the Committee's goals for 2005-2006, agreed to at the Board Retreat in July. He said four of the six goals are done or on track.

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The Chair reminded the Committee of Mr. Prior's
inauguration as Chancellor, which will take place on April 11th.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Board of Visitors website.

<http://www.virginia.edu/bov/uvawiseminutes.html>