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**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S  
COLLEGE AT WISE  
May 16, 2006**

COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF  
VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

Tuesday, May 16, 2006  
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Byrd Seminar Room, Room 318  
Harrison Institute

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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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: May 16, 2006

COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's  
College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: Appointments to the Wise Board

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors

BACKGROUND: The University of Virginia's College at Wise has a local board that is appointed by the Board of Visitors. The Wise Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor of the College, the President of the University, and the Board of Visitors on matters pertaining to The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

DISCUSSION: The Nominating Committee recommends the following persons for membership on the College's Board for terms ending June 30, 2010:

- Dawneda Fowler Williams - Ms. Williams is a native of Grundy. She earned a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina and M.A degree from the University of Virginia. She has been a member and president of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Foundation Board and was co-chair of the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coordinating Committee. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Berea College. She is a long-term supporter of The University of Virginia's College at Wise.
- Ernest H. Ern - Mr. Ern earned a B.S. degree from Bates College and a M.S. and Ph.D. from Lehigh University. He has held several administrative positions at the University of Virginia and is Senior Vice President and University Professor of Environmental Sciences Emeritus. He served as Chancellor at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, 2004-2005. He currently serves on the College's Campaign Cabinet.

- Mike L. Allen - Mr. Allen is a native of Wise County and a 1981 graduate of The University of Virginia's College at Wise. He also attended the United Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance School. He is the agency president of South-West Insurance Agency located in Norton. He is a member of the Wise County Education Foundation and The University of Virginia's College at Wise Foundation Board.
- C. Micheal Puckett - Mr. Puckett attended The University of Virginia's College at Wise, earned a B.S. from the University of Tennessee, and an MED from the University of Virginia. He is the Assistant Superintendent at Russell County Public Schools in Lebanon, where he also serves as Director of Transportation and Secondary Supervisor. His duties with the school system also include responsibility for business partnerships, AIM Scholar Program, public relations, employee and student recognition, and tech prep.

The Nominating Committee further recommends the following persons for re-appointment to four year terms on The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board:

- Michael G. McGlothlin - Mr. McGlothlin is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and earned a J.D. from the College of William and Mary. He serves as county attorney for Buchanan County, and is involved in a variety of local civic organizations. He is a long-standing friend and supporter of the College and currently serves on the College's Campaign Cabinet.
- Eliza S. Rigg - Ms. Rigg is a graduate of Hollins University. She is a former schoolteacher and is very active in the community. She is a member of several civic organizations. Ms. Rigg is a long-standing friend and supporter of the College.

- Joseph Frank Smiddy, M.D. - Dr. Smiddy is a graduate of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Medical School at the University of Virginia. He has served as the chief of staff at the Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee. Dr. Smiddy has a strong commitment and dedication to the College.
- William J. Sturgill - Mr. Sturgill was a member of the first graduating class of The University of Virginia's College at Wise (then known as Clinch Valley College). He attended East Tennessee State University, Cumberland University of Law, and the University of Richmond where he earned his J.D. He is a highly regarded attorney and successful businessman. He served as chair of the Board for several years and remains very committed to the College. He currently serves on the College's Campaign Cabinet.
- James Michael Thomas - Mr. Thomas is president and director of Greater Wise, Inc. and Humphreys Enterprises, as well as vice president and director of Red River Coal Company. He is a highly regarded businessman and is involved in many civic organizations. He was instrumental in establishing and funding the Jim N. Humphreys Tennis Complex at The University of Virginia's College at Wise and currently serves on the College's Campaign Cabinet.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

RESOLVED that Ms. Dawneda Fowler Williams, Messrs. Ernest H. Ern, Mike L. Allen, and C. Michael Puckett are appointed to The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board for four year terms ending June 30, 2010; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that Mr. Michael G. McGlothlin, Ms. Eliza S. Rigg, Mr. James Michael Thomas, Dr. Joseph Frank Smiddy, and Mr. William J. Sturgill are re-appointed to The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board for terms ending June 30, 2010, in accordance with the terms of the Board's bylaws.

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AGENDA ITEM: A. Progress Report on 2005-2006 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 to provide future grounds expansion.
5. Acquire planning funds for a Convocation Center.
6. Improve student diversity and sustain an inclusive academic community.

DISCUSSION: A brief update on progress (as of February 21st) includes:

#1- New Staff - The Board of Visitors approved a \$1.4 million budget amendment to add 30 faculty and staff positions. Governor Warner included \$1.8 million in his budget for enrollment growth, including operating funds for additional

positions. The House of Delegates' budget added \$624,286 to the Governor's budget, which includes software engineering. The Senate deleted the Governor's \$1.8 million and substituted \$904,000, and an additional \$550,000 for software engineering. The House provided language for 30 FTE positions. The Senate proposed that higher education institutions meeting the highest level under restructuring be exempt from maximum employment level.. The final biennium budget has not been approved by the General Assembly.

#2- Campus Housing and Dining Facilities - Governor Warner provided Non General Fund authorization for \$8 million for a new residence hall and \$7 million for a new dining facility. A blocking study has been completed for the new residence hall and the Office of Development is identifying prospects and approaching donors who might assist with private funds for the dining facility project. The approved FY2007 student fees include funds for the first phase of the dining facility funding package.

#3 -Funds for Software Engineering - As noted above in goal #1, both the House and Senate are proposing funds for software engineering implementation. Their proposed budgets are in addition to the \$229,625 for software engineering in Governor Warner's budget. The Wise County Board of Supervisors recently approved \$250,000 to support the program - half for scholarships and half for program implementation. In March, the State Council approved the B.S. in software engineering, the only undergraduate software engineering program in Virginia. Mr. Block, the Provost, and Dean Aylor of the School of Engineering have pledged assistance to the College in the program's development and delivery, if needed.

#4 - Acquire Contiguous Property - A private individual recently secured an option on one of the identified pieces of property.

#5 - Convocation Center Planning Funds - The House of Delegates' budget included a \$600,000 Non General Fund authorization for the Convocation Center. The College is researching possible public and private resources to pay for a planning study.

#6 - Student Diversity - Seventeen percent of the fall 2005 freshman class identified themselves as a member of an ethnic group, the highest in the College's history, and the College is working to maintain and/or improve that percentage. The Office of Enrollment Management has hired an admissions counselor to assist with recruiting diverse students. Two admissions personnel recently attended the Noel Levitz 9th Annual Symposium on the Recruitment & Retention of Students of Color. Admissions personnel are also attending minority recruitment fairs, including those in Richmond and at George Mason University. William Harvey, the University's vice president and chief officer for diversity and equity, and Darlene Scott Scurry, director of equal opportunity programs, have both visited the campus recently, spending time with administrators, faculty, and students on diversity issues.

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AGENDA ITEM: Software Engineering and Partnerships

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Over the past three years, the College has added a major in Management Information Systems and renamed a former program, Computer Science. In March, the State Council of Higher Education approved the College's request to initiate a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering, the only approved undergraduate software engineering program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The software engineering program will be launched in fall 2006.

Northrop Grumman is expected to secure the Commonwealth of Virginia's ten-year \$2 billion contract for modernization, consolidation, and integration of Virginia's information technology systems and processes and locate a site in Russell County. CGI-AMS is also locating in Russell County. Together, these two corporations will bring approximately 800 jobs to Southwest Virginia. The College is working with both to build strong partnership arrangements to support its new program.

The College is seeking state, local government, and private resources to support the new programs.

DISCUSSION: An update on faculty searches, enrollment, partnerships, and monetary support will be given.