UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S
COLLEGE AT WISE
January 22, 2007
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AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA (Mr. Prior)
   A. Change in the Name of the Department of Social and Behavioral Science to the Department of Social Science
   B. Music Major (major added to degree program)
   C. Biochemistry Major (major added to degree program)
   D. Change in the Name of the College Major to Interdisciplinary Studies Major

II. ACTION ITEM (Messrs. Pippin and Prior)
   • Revisions to the Bylaws of The University of College at Wise Board

III. REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE (Messrs. Pippin and Prior)
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CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE:

Approval of department name change

The decision of the Department of Social and Behavioral Science to change its name to the Department of Social Science was based upon the current trend which favors simplicity and accuracy. The term “social science” is a more general term that better fits those disciplines grouped together in the department.

Because of the institution’s relatively small size, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise tends to group several small majors together to avoid the necessity of maintaining small departments with few majors. The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences includes the following majors: Administration of Justice, Psychology, Sociology, and Government. All of these majors are grounded in social science, i.e. they involve the study of human beings as members of groups. While all of the disciplines and all of the coursework in the department is “social,” not all of the coursework in all of the disciplines is grounded in behaviorist methodology. For all of these reasons, “social science” is a more accurate descriptor than “social and behavioral sciences.”

In addition to the Chancellor and the Provost at the College, the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board have approved the proposed naming.

As is required, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia will be notified of the Board’s approval.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Approval by The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Committee and by the Board of Visitors
APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT
WISE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise has requested that its name be changed to the Department of Social Science; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor, the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board recommend approval of this request;

RESOLVED that the name of the Department of Social and Behavioral Science is changed to the Department of Social Science.
Currently, the Visual and Performing Arts Department has an art major and a theatre major, both housed under the BA in the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

There has always been an interest in music at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, but even more now. Until very recently, the College had only one full-time music faculty member, now there are two. For the first time in its history the College has a marching band along with a concert band, a jazz ensemble, a woodwind ensemble, and brass ensemble. More and more students are interested in the College's music program. Currently there are five to ten students who would declare a major in music if offered. There are also approximately ten prospective students who have expressed interest in a major in music. The music faculty, using the National Association of Schools of Music Curriculum, has developed a major in music that students can complete in four years, utilizing the current faculty, facilities, and equipment. This new major will, of course, take advantage of the expanded facilities in the new Fine Arts Building when it is completed.

The inclusion of a major in music in the array of majors at The University of Virginia's College at Wise is a natural progression. Students have expressed an interest and the College has the appropriate resources.

This proposal has been endorsed by the Chancellor and the Provost at the College, and is recommended by the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Committee and by the Board of Visitors.
APPROVAL OF A MAJOR IN MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise has majors in art and theatre, but no major in music; and

WHEREAS, the interest in the music program continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, a music major is an appropriate major for a liberal arts college;

RESOLVED that a major in music is added to the College curriculum.
C. BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR (major added to degree program).

Approval of Biochemistry major

Currently, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise offers majors in biology and chemistry. However, knowledge in the field of biochemistry is exploding, and a growing number of students are pursuing careers for which a combined biochemistry major will offer advantages not currently available to them under the present arrangement.

The University of Virginia’s College at Wise offers an increasingly sophisticated array of science options for those majoring in the natural science disciplines. The University of Virginia’s College at Wise students pursue science-based careers in medicine, dentistry, education, and higher education. Knowledge in the field of biochemistry is increasing exponentially, and students desiring to enroll in postgraduate institutions, particularly in medical school and veterinary school, will be better served by the availability of a major which keeps them abreast of developments in biochemistry. Informal surveys in our upper division classes indicated that a significant number of current science majors would pursue a major in biochemistry, if it were offered. The diversity of the faculty and the expansion of the College’s science facilities, as well as the needs of students has convinced the faculty and the administrators that The University of Virginia’s College at Wise students would be better served by the addition of a major which combines needed coursework in biology and chemistry, hence the necessity of a new major in biochemistry. Other than the coursework presently available to our students, only one additional course (a second semester of biochemistry) would need to be offered.

This request is recommended by the Chancellor and has been endorsed by the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Committee and by the Board of Visitors
APPROVAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, students at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise who pursue careers in science, medicine, veterinary medicine, and other fields need the most appropriate academic background in order to be successful in the competition for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, biochemistry is an appropriate field for those pursuing postgraduate study; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, facilities, and coursework necessary for a degree in biochemistry are available at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise;

RESOLVED that a major in biochemistry is added to the College curriculum.
D. CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE MAJOR TO
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR: Approval of change in name of College Major

The College currently has in the catalog a major named the College Major. The Major was intended to be an interdisciplinary studies major, but is very seldom used because its name does not clearly define it.

When the College Major was originally developed, it was meant to provide students with a means of majoring in areas in which there were no majors at that time, such as Art, Theatre, French, and Spanish. Because it is an interdisciplinary degree, the College Major required students to combine two or more disciplines to create unique programs of studies, and the approval process for the program was rigorous. For some years the College major was utilized resourcefully to allow students to work in areas that would otherwise be unavailable to them as majors. In recent years, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise has added majors under the BA in the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Art, Theatre, French, Spanish, Foreign Studies, and P.E. and Health. As a result, the College Major has not been needed in those areas, and current students are not aware it exists. Its usefulness persists, particularly in a small college, because it allows students to create interdisciplinary majors in areas such as International Business, Latin American Studies, International Relations, or Appalachian Studies. Unfortunately, the current name does not make it clear what it is or what its potential for students might be. Therefore, the proposed name change is Interdisciplinary Studies Major. This new name and some judicious promotion of the major will provide awareness of the Interdisciplinary Studies Major. The rigorous approval process and the supervisory process will continue.

This proposal is endorsed by the Chancellor and has been approved by the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board.

As is required, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia will be notified of the Board’s approval.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Committee and by the Board of Visitors

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APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE MAJOR TO INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, the College Major maintains its value in providing a way for students to major in areas in which the College does not currently have majors; and

WHEREAS, the name College Major does not clearly reflect the intent of the major; and

WHEREAS, a more descriptive name will make it apparent to students that they have additional opportunities in the courses of study offered by the College;

RESOLVED that the name of the College Major at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is changed to the Interdisciplinary Studies Major.
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BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: January 22, 2007

COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia’s College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: II. Revisions to the Bylaws of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board

BACKGROUND: The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board Bylaws were last reviewed and revised by the College’s Board on May 16, 2003, and were approved by the Board of Visitors on May 29, 2003.

DISCUSSION: The Executive Committee of the University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board reviewed the Bylaws on November 15, 2006, and proposed revisions in Section II, IV, and V. The College’s Board approved the proposed changes at its December 6-7 Board Retreat.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Committee and by the Board of Visitors

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD

RESOLVED that the Bylaws of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board are approved as amended. The changes are appended.
SECTION II. Purpose and Duties

C. Establishment of Tuition Rates for Kentucky and Tennessee Residents

Section 23.7.4:2 (E) of the Code of Virginia provides that The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board and the Board of Visitors "may charge reduced tuition to any person enrolled at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise who lives within a fifty-mile radius of the College, is domiciled in, and is entitled to in-state tuition charges in the institutions of the higher learning in Kentucky, if Kentucky has similar reciprocal provisions for persons domiciled in Virginia.

In addition, the board of the University of Virginia’s College at Wise and the board of visitors of the University of Virginia may charge reduced tuition to any person enrolled at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise who lives within a 50-mile radius of the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, is domiciled in, and is entitled to in-state tuition charges in the institutions of higher learning in Tennessee, if Tennessee has similar reciprocal provisions for persons domiciled in Virginia. The board of the University of Virginia’s College at Wise and its partners or associates offering programs jointly at a regional off-campus center may also charge reduced tuition to any person enrolled in such joint programs who lives within a 50 mile radius of the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, is domiciled in, and is entitled to in-state tuition charges in the institutions of higher learning in Tennessee, if Tennessee has similar reciprocal provisions for persons domiciled in Virginia. Any such respective partners or associates shall establish and charge separately tuition rates for their independent classes or programs at such regional centers."

It is the responsibility of the Chancellor or designee to develop, in consultation with the University’s chief financial officer, a recommendation annually for tuition and fee rates for eligible Kentucky and Tennessee students that is presented for action to The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board and the Board of Visitors.
SECTION IV. Terms of Office

Members shall be appointed to serve terms of four years. Terms shall be staggered to provide continuity, up to five members being appointed each year by the Board of Visitors. The Board of Visitors may make appointments of fewer than four-year terms to fill un-expired vacancies and when changing the number of members of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board.

Terms shall commence July 1, and end on June 30.

SECTION V. Officers, Organization, Executive Committee

Every two years, at its last regular meeting, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board shall elect a chair, vice chair, secretary, and executive committee. The chair, vice chair, secretary, and executive committee shall be elected for two-year terms. The executive committee shall consist of three voting Board members who shall be elected for a two-year term and shall serve with the immediate past chair, chair, vice chair, and secretary, assuming the past chair is still a member of the Board.
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BOARD MEETING: January 22, 2007

COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: III. Report on The University of Virginia's College at Wise

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The University of Virginia's College at Wise Committee agreed to five goals for the 2006-2007 year:

1. Development and implement public engagement strategies in PK-12 education, economic development, and health care through a University-college partnership in Southwest Virginia.

2. Continued improvement in the retention of minority students through increased student engagement.

3. Increase the number of transfer students by a) expanding the Guaranteed Admissions Program with three primary feeder community colleges to the entire Virginia Community College System and Richard Bland College; b) creating concurrent admissions programs with primary feeder community colleges in nursing and management information systems; and c) instituting AIM Scholars programs with Mountain Empire Community College and Scott County public schools.

4. Acquire funds to conduct a feasibility study for a convocation center. (Continued from FY 2006.)

5. Support the Campaign kickoff and public phase of the Campaign.

DISCUSSION: The following is a brief progress report as of December 2006.

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1. Develop and implement public engagement strategies in PK-12 education, economic development, and health care through a University-College partnership in Southwest Virginia. University designee Pace Lochte has made several trips to The University of Virginia's College at Wise and the region, meeting with economic developers, educators, and health care advocates to ascertain effective strategies for the Restructuring outreach effort. In addition, Pace led two community focus groups on economic development and education in Wise in October and reported those findings to the College Board at their December 7 retreat. A draft of the partnership structure is currently under review at the University.

2. Continue improving the retention of minority students through increased student engagement. "Expedition," a new extended orientation for first-time students in August featured two sessions on diversity that received high marks. Students ranked "Welcome to the Neighborhood - I and II" a 4.0 and 4.375 on a 5 point scale. The First Year Seminar common reading is "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother" by James McBride. Mr. McBride is scheduled to come to campus in February. Students formed a Black Student Union to engage minority students in College life and to advocate on their behalf.

3. Increase the number of transfer students by a) expanding the Guaranteed Admissions Program with three primary feeder community colleges to the entire Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Richard Bland College; b) creating concurrent admissions programs with primary feeder community colleges in nursing and management information systems; and c) instituting AIM Scholars program with Mountain Empire Community College and Scott County public schools. The College is in the final stages of development of a VCCS general articulation agreement. Academic leaders from the College and the three primary feeder community colleges met in November to begin work on new agreements for software engineering, MIS, CS, and nursing.

4. Acquire funds to conduct a feasibility study for a convocation center. Chancellor David Prior visited campus convocation centers in Wisconsin and Tennessee and has met with the Office of the University Architect on the project.
5. Support Campaign kickoff and public phase of Campaign. The public Campaign kickoff was held on October 21, 2006, in conjunction with the annual benefactors celebration. Co-Chairs Hunter Smith and Marcia Gilliam announced the $50 million goal for the Fulfilling the Dream campaign, with $23.5 million raised. Campaign components are featured on the College’s website and active solicitation is underway.
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COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: III.2. Proposed Capital Projects

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The Finance Committee at its meeting on January 22, will consider financial plans for capital projects in the first biennium of the proposed Six Year Capital Plan. The list of projects is a "wish list" in the sense that they may not come to pass in the biennium (2008-2010), and indeed may not be built at all.

Several of these proposed projects are at The University of Virginia's College at Wise:

- A new Library building
- The renovation of Greear Gym and Pool and the construction of a recreation center
- Accessibility of walkways and buildings
- Conversion of Wyllie Library into an academic classroom building
- Construction of a proscenium theatre building
- Construction of Residence Hall IV
- Construction of a new classroom/lab building
- Construction of a planetarium
- Construction of a regional economic development center
- Expansion of North Campus utility
- Campus lighting
- Campus mobility

DISCUSSION: The Chancellor will review these proposals with the Committee.