January 22, 2007

MEMORANDUM

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

Don R. Pippin, Chair
The Hon. 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. Mastraccco, Jr.
A. Macdonald Caputo  The Hon. 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 January 22, 2007

The Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise met, in Open Session, at 9:35 a.m., Monday, January 22, 2007, in the Byrd Seminar Room of the Harrison Institute; Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided by telephonic connection. The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., W. Heywood Fralin, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., and Thomas F. Farrell, II, Rector, were present.

Present as well were Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Mrs. Georgia Willis Fauber, Ms. Glynn D. Key, the Honorable Lewis F. Payne, and Warren M. Thompson.

The Chair opened the meeting by telephone from Wise (bad weather in Southwest Virginia prevented him from coming to Charlottesville) and reported that The University of Virginia’s College at Wise had received $626,000 in gifts during the month of December. He also told the Committee that Mr. Sandridge has agreed to give the commencement address at Wise in May.

He then presented the Consent Agenda and asked for approval.

Consent Agenda – change in the Name of the Department of Social and Behavioral Science to the Department of Social Science

The proposed change in the name of the Department of Social and Behavioral Science at Wise follows the current trend of favoring simplicity and accuracy. The Department includes majors in Administration of Justice, Psychology, Sociology, and Government.

The Chancellor, the Provost, 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 if the Board of Visitors approves the naming.

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

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.

Consent Agenda – Approval of a Major in Music

Until recently, the College had one full-time member of the faculty teaching music; there are now two. There are a number of music groups at the College and considerable interest in having a music major. The proposal to create one has been endorsed by the Chancellor, the Provost, the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board.

The Committee approved the following resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

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.

Consent Agenda – Approval of a Major in Biochemistry

The College wishes to add biochemistry to the increasingly sophisticated array of science options for those majoring in the natural science disciplines. This proposal has been endorsed by the Chancellor, the Provost, the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board.

The Committee approved the following resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:
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.

Consent Agenda – Approval to Change the Name of The College Major to Interdisciplinary Studies Major

In the interest both of name recognition and taking into account changes in rules, it is proposed to change the name of The College Major to Interdisciplinary Studies Major. The change has been endorsed by the Chancellor, the Provost, the Wise Faculty Senate and the Wise Board.

If the Board of Visitors approves the change in name, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia will be notified.

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

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.

Action Item – Revisions to the Bylaws of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise

The Chair asked Mr. Prior, the Chancellor, to present the Action Item.

The Chancellor said the Executive Committee of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board proposes a revision of three portions of the Bylaws of the Wise Board.

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

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.

Chancellor’s Report

The Chancellor gave a brief progress report on the Goals and Work Plan of the Committee, as agreed to at the Board Retreat in July, 2006.

The Chancellor said the Finance Committee, at its meeting later today, will consider financial plans for capital projects in the first biennium of the proposed Six Year Capital Plan. The list of projects at Wise, which the Chancellor read and commented on, is a “wish list” in the sense that they may not come to past in the biennium (2008-2010), and indeed may not be built at all.

Before closing the meeting, the Chair told the Committee that the College’s Endowment now stands at 34.4million.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors website.

http://www.virginia.edu/bov/uvawiseminutes.html
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 unexpired 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.