UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
March 13, 2007
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Lower East Oval Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:
Glynn D. Key, Chair
Alan A. Diamonstein      Lewis F. Payne
Susan Y. Dorsey      E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.     John O. Wynne
Anne Elizabeth Mullen      Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ex Officio

AGENDA

I. REPORTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST
(Mr. Block)
A. Vice President’s Remarks 1
   • Progress Report on 2006-2007 Goals and Work Plan
   • SACS Re-Accreditation Status
B. BOV Research Enhancement Plan Progress 2
   (Mr. Block and Dr. Gomez)
C. Faculty Senate Report (Mr. Block to introduce Mr. Ricardo Padron; Mr. Padron to report) 3

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   • Faculty Personnel Actions
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AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Vice President’s Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Provost will provide a progress report on the 2006-07 Goals and Work Plan for the Educational Policy Committee. He will also provide a report on the status of the University’s re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
The Vice President and Provost and the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Dr. R. Ariel Gomez, will provide a progress report on the Board of Visitors Research Enhancement Plan. They will update the Committee on senior scientist recruitment efforts and research facility planning.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Visitors Research Enhancement Plan was adopted by the Board in 2004. It is a commitment by the University to become a research institution of international importance in select scientific and technological fields. It was decided that this could best be accomplished by focusing, in the beginning, on three to five interdisciplinary fields where there is existing strong faculty talent. The plan for implementing this strategy is two-fold: 1) The recruitment of a cadre of the very best new faculty members to complete these interdisciplinary research groups; and 2) accelerated construction of new research space to accommodate the targeted activities, as well as attract or retain prominent faculty members.
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AGENDA ITEM: I.C. Faculty Senate Report

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Provost will introduce Mr. Ricardo Padron, Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate, and Associate Professor of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, who will give a brief report on the Senate's work on the draft Ten-Year Academic Plan.