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THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S
COLLEGE AT WISE
March 13, 2007
THE COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
3:45 – 4:05 p.m.
Lower East Oval Room, The Rotunda

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

1. Develop 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 February 19, 2007.
1. Develop and implement public engagement strategies in PK-12 education, economic development, and health care through a University-College partnership in Southwest Virginia. The University submitted the partnership plan to the General Assembly in December. The Health working group, which includes members from the University and local health entities, met by conference call on January 30 to begin its work. On March 7th, economic development professionals from the Coalfield region met with UVa’s Pace Lochte and the College’s Marcia Quesenberry to further delineate specific strategies.

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 spoke on campus on February 28. Students formed a Black Student Union to engage minority students in College life and to advocate on their behalf. Black History Month celebrations have included a march and program in honor of Martin Luther King, a soul food luncheon, and a gospelfest – all well-attended.

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. a) The College has completed a general articulation agreement with the VCCS; b) Academic leaders from the College, the three primary feeder community colleges, and the Tri-College Nursing program are meeting again in March to continue the development of agreements for software engineering, Management Information Systems, Computer Science, and nursing; and c) the College has completed a financial impact statement for the AIM Scholars program and a student agreement has been developed for participants. An official signing should be held in late March or April.
4. **Acquire funds to conduct a feasibility study for a convocation center.** The Chancellor 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 as of the kickoff date. Campaign components are featured on the College’s website and active solicitation is underway. As of January 31, 2007, Campaign gifts and pledges total $25,233,810 and future support totals $6,000,000.
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AGENDA ITEM: B. Technology Partnership Program

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The Technology Partnership Program, established in the summer of 2006, unites business and education for Southwest Virginia's new economy. Led by Professor Emeritus George Culbertson, the Technology Partnership Program brings resources to the College while simultaneously providing important training and educational experiences for students and faculty. Expanding business partnerships is one of the institutional performance standards required by the Higher Education Restructuring Act.

DISCUSSION: On February 19th, Sykes Enterprises, Inc. signed a memorandum of understanding with the College. Under the terms, Sykes will provide paid student internships; employment opportunities; scholarships; in-kind contributions; and paid international internships.

Sykes provides an array of sophisticated customer contact management solutions to Fortune 1000 companies around the world, primarily in the communications, financial services, healthcare, technology, and transportation.
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AGENDA ITEM: C. Legislative Report

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Due in large part to the growth and development of the College, the past few years have seen success in obtaining additional funding for existing and expanded programs. This year the College was authorized to submit to the Governor's Budget a proposal to provide funding for the operation of the Russell County Training Center which is being established in support of the CGI and Northrop Grumman initiatives in southwest Virginia. The College also submitted requests for additional capital funds for Smiddy Hall, the Drama Building and Science Building.

DISCUSSION: The items authorized for submission in the Governor's budget were included in his submission to the legislature. Due to a technical error, the College's nursing faculty was not included in the original submission, but has been included in both the House and Senate version of the budget. The College sought an additional $901,000 for new faculty positions in order to support the continued growth of the institution. This amendment was not included in either the House or Senate budget. Within the Governor's budget an additional $251,751 was provided. This amount was included in the Senate budget, and reduced by $61,000 in the House. The three capital outlay projects were retained in the Senate budget, with Smiddy and Science staying in the House. The House moved funding for the Drama Building to HB 1712 which would use VCBA Bonds, instead of General Funds for the project. These items will be resolved in the Conference Committee.
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AGENDA ITEM: D. Construction Report

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The College at Wise is in the most ambitious
construction phase in its history. The projects will define the
College as envisioned in the Master Plan, allowing for continued
growth in Wise to meet the educational and economic development
needs of southwest Virginia.

DISCUSSION: Currently there are eight authorized and funded
projects in various stages in Wise. The Lila Vicars Smith House
(Chancellor’s Residence) renovation and addition is currently
under construction. This project will add a reception facility
that will seat sixty for dinner, provide correct architectural
features to the interior and exterior of the house, and improve
the pedestrian flow in the interior during functions. Thompson
and Litton is the Architect on this project, and Quesenberry’s
Incorporated is the contractor.

The Drama Building Renovation and Addition is in the review
process. The asbestos abatement work has been completed and
advertisements for construction management have been placed.
Materials are being prepared for the removal and relocation of
trees on the site. The College has requested additional funds
from the Commonwealth to address cost increases. These were
included in the Governor’s budget, but the House has moved this
project to HB1712. This will be resolved in the Conference
Committee. Bushman Dreyfuss is the Architect on this project.

The Crockett Hall Renovation has been advertised for
construction management. The building has had asbestos and lead
paint abatement completed. Materials are being prepared for the
removal and relocation of trees on the site. Mitchell Matthews
is the Architect on this project.
The Entrance - Storm Water Drainage Project schedule is moving jointly with the Crockett Hall project because of site issues. The project has been advertised for construction management. Hill and Associates is the architect on this project.

The renovation of the original Science Building is currently being prepared for the value management process. This project will renovate the original Science Building, providing the College with facilities for its existing program in the Natural Science Department, as well as laboratory space for the recently approved Software Engineering Program. The College requested additional funding from the Commonwealth and this request was included in the Governor's introduced budget. VMDO of Charlottesville is the Architect for this project, and Quesenberry's Incorporated was selected as the construction management firm.

The renovation of Smiddy Hall and construction of a new Information Technology Building are currently being advertised for architectural services. The College requested additional funding from the Commonwealth and this request was included in the Governor's introduced budget.

The design firm of Hanbury Evans is providing architectural services for a third Residence Hall and a new Dining Commons, slated for completion for the Fall 2009 semester. The 120-bed Residence Hall will include student study areas, recreation space, a classroom, and a faculty apartment. Once completed, total on-campus housing will be 780 beds, nearing the College's target of 800-1000 beds, or approximately one-third of the projected student enrollment. The Dining Commons will include a coffee shop and a convenience store, and a large, welcoming dining area and patio. These two projects are being designed and constructed in tandem because the current dining hall - built to accommodate a student body of 400 - cannot accommodate more campus residents.