March 13, 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
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Georgia Willis Fauber
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The Hon. Lewis F. Payne
Warren M. Thompson
E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
John O. Wynne

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Meeting on March 13, 2007

The Committee of the Board of Visitors on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise met, in Open Session, at 3:55 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2007, in the Lower East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided. W. Heywood Fralin, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., and Thomas F. Farrell, II, Rector, were present.

The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein participated by telephone.

Present as well were Mrs. Georgia Willis Fauber, the Honorable Lewis F. Payne, Warren M. Thompson, John O. Wynne, and Ms. Anne Elizabeth Mullen.
The Chair opened the meeting and spoke, with sorrow, on the passing of Mr. Kenneth P. Asbury the day before. Mr. Asbury was the last of the “Three Wise Men,” the triumvirate from Wise County who in 1954 persuaded President Darden to approve the establishment of what was then Clinch Valley College, a two-year school that was a branch of the University. A well-known lawyer, Mr. Asbury’s life was a life of service to Wise County, to Southwest Virginia, and to the Commonwealth.

The Secretary said he would draft a memorial resolution to be considered by the full Board of Visitors when it met in April.

The Chair then asked Mr. Prior, the Chancellor, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Prior gave a progress report on the Committee’s goals and work plan for the current academic session, agreed to at the Board Retreat in July.

Mr. Prior then reported that Sykes Enterprises, Inc., signed a memorandum of understanding with the College on February 19th, under which the company will provide paid student internships, employment opportunities, scholarships, in-kind contributions, and paid international internships. Sykes’ involvement is under the aegis of the Technology Partnership Program, established in the summer of 2006; the Program, led by Professor emeritus George Culbertson, unites business and education for Southwest Virginia’s new economy.

Sykes, according to Mr. Prior, “provides an array of sophisticated customer contact management solutions to Fortune 1000 companies around the world, primarily in communications, financial services, healthcare, technology, and transportation.”

Mr. Prior reported briefly on the College’s legislative requests at this Session of the General Assembly. The funding requests have not yet been resolved and are in the Conference Committee.
Mr. Prior said the College is in the most ambitious construction phase in its history. Renovations and an addition to the Chancellor’s Residence are in progress; the Drama Building Renovation and Addition project is in the review process; the Crockett Hall Renovation has been advertised for construction management; the Entrance-Storm Water Drainage Project is moving jointly with the Crockett Renovation; the renovation of the original Science Building is being prepared for the value management process; the renovation of Smiddy Hall and the construction of a new Information Technology Building are being advertised for architectural services; and architectural work has begun on a third Residence Hall and a new Dining Commons.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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