MEMORANDUM

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

Don R. Pippin, Chair
The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein
Thomas F. Farrell, II
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
John O. Wynne
W. Heywood Fralin, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Daniel R. Abramson               Vincent J. Mastraccco, Jr.
A. Macdonald Caputo              The Honorable Lewis F. Payne
Susan Y. Dorsey                   Warren M. Thompson
Glynn D. Key                      E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Austin Ligon                      Carey J. Mignerey

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Meeting on April 11, 2008

The Committee of the Board of Visitors on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise met, in Open Session, in the Board Room of the Rotunda at 11:40 a.m., Friday, April 11, 2008; Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided.

The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein, Thomas F. Farrell, II, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., John O. Wynne, and W. Heywood Fralin, Rector, were present.

Also present were Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Austin Ligon, The Honorable Lewis F. Payne, and Carey J. Mignerey.
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The Chair opened the meeting and made general remarks. He noted that Senator Chichester of Stafford County will be the Speaker at Finals in May.

He then asked the Chancellor to make his report.

Chancellor’s Report

Mr. Prior gave the Committee an update on the work of the College’s Crisis Management Team, a group which was established several months prior to the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Among other recent activities, the Team has directed the installation of an emergency alert siren system, with voice broadcast capability; developed an Emergency Response webpage to provide communications along with mass e-mails; signed mutual aid agreements with the Wise County Emergency Services, the Town of Wise, the Wise County Sheriff’s Department, and the City of Norton; and conducted a campus risk assessment and categorized potential threats.

He next reviewed progress on several capital projects at the College, among others: the Campus Entrance Project, the Center for the Arts; the renovation of the Science Building; the construction of Residence Hall 3; the construction of the Dining Hall; and the renovation of Smiddy Hall and construction of the new Information Technology Facility.

He also touched on the proposed Convocation Center, the possible funding for which is being considered by the General Assembly.

Mr. Prior talked, too, about cooperative arrangements between the College and local institutions (e.g., the public schools) in Southwest Virginia, as well as partnerships between the College and Schools and departments at the University.

The Chair thanked Mr. Caputo for his generous gift to the College.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

AGG:jb

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