UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S
COLLEGE AT WISE
February 8, 2008
COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

Friday, February 8, 2008
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda

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

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COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Construction Update

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The College is currently undertaking various capital projects to enhance the physical well-being of the campus.

DISCUSSION: The following will provide an update on construction projects at the College:

Lila Vicars Smith House Renovation and Addition

Construction: Started October 2006
Closure, September 2007
Architect: Thompson and Litton
Contractor: Quesenberry’s Inc.
Project Cost: $1,310,000 Private Funds
Project Scope: This project has added a pavilion to the residence; the pavilion is being used for College functions. Included in the two stories' clear space are public restrooms, a serving area and new decking for indoor/outdoor functions. The renovations include new triple hung windows in the front of the structure, new landscaping at the entrance, a revised entry foyer and modifications to the circulation of the house.

The project was completed in the fall and a re-dedication ceremony was held in October.

Crockett Hall Renovation

Construction: Start, May 2007
Anticipated Completion, July 2008
Architect: Mitchell Mathews
Contractor: Burwil Construction
Project Cost: $6,900,000 State General Funds
Project Scope: This project will provide a historical renovation
to the exterior of the building and rebuild the interior while utilizing many of the components of the original. Upon completion, it will house Admissions, Financial Aid, Academic Advising, the Registrar’s Office and the Bursar’s Office.

Work continues on this project which is on schedule. The building has been weathered in so that interior work can continue throughout the winter months.

**Campus Entrance Project**

Construction: Start, May 2007  
Anticipated Completion, July 2008  
Architect: Hill Studios  
Contractor: Burwil Construction  
Project Cost: $2,000,000 State General Funds  
Project Scope: This project will change the main entrance of the campus into a boulevard, providing a new entry feature. Combined with this will be a pedestrian walkway replacing the existing “dead-end” road between the Chapel and Crockett Hall and a sunken garden near Crockett Hall. The entry project provides a conduit for storm drainage at the front of the campus; storm water will be directed to the campus lake which acts as a storm water retention facility.

Extensive work was completed during the summer and fall months. The new entry wall is well underway and will provide a welcoming focal point to the campus. An interesting note to the wall construction is that the stone mason is the grandson of the lead mason on the original Crockett Hall. He is using his grandfather’s tools, which his grandfather used on Crockett to do the grapevine work on the mortar.

**Center for the Arts**

Construction: Start, July 2007  
Anticipated Completion, August 2009  
Architect: Bushman Dreyfuss  
Contractor: Quesenberry’s Inc.  
Project Cost: $14,475,000 - $10,475,000 State General Funds and $4,000,000 in Private Gifts.  
Project Scope: This project will provide centralized facilities for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Included will
be classroom facilities for the Department along with a black box theatre, a central courtyard and an art gallery. A colonnade running the length of the building will help shape the edge of the campus lawn. This project allows for the first time all components of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts to be housed in the same facility.

Site and foundation work have been completed, with the walls of the building starting to take shape.

**Science Building Renovation**

**Construction:** Start, September 2007  
Anticipated Completion, April 2009  

**Architect:** VMDO  
**Contractor:** Quesenberry’s Inc.  
**Project Cost:** $13,435,000 State General Funds  
**Project Scope:** This project will renovate the existing Science Building, providing laboratory spaces for geology, software engineering and physics. The vivarium area will be completed, and the observation dome will be relocated. The internal infrastructure of the building will be brought up to date, the HVAC systems will be upgraded and fire suppression will be added.

The necessary demolitions have taken place and renovation work on the building is about to begin.

**Residence Hall 3**

**Construction:** Anticipated Start, January 2008  
Anticipated Completion, July 2009  

**Architect:** Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas  
**Contractor:** Rentenbach Incorporated  
**Project Cost:** $9,000,000 in University Revenue Bonds  
**Project Scope:** This project will develop a 120-bed residence hall with study areas, a residence life director’s apartment, recreational space and a classroom. The project will be located on the site of houses three and four.

Demolition work is scheduled to begin this month on two former faculty residences to make way for the construction of the new facility.
Dining Hall

Construction: Anticipated Start, January 2008
Anticipated Completion, July 2009
Architect: Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas
Contractor: Rentenbach Incorporated
Project Cost: $9,600,000 in University Revenue Bonds
Project Scope: This project will provide a new, two-level dining facility. The lower level will house a coffee shop and entertainment location, along with primary kitchen facilities. The upper level will house the servery, the main dining facility and a private dining space. The facility is being developed to handle future campus growth through a pre-developed area of expansion. This project will be located in the parking area adjacent to the upper pond next to the Drama Building.

Site work is scheduled to begin within the next few weeks.

Smiddy Hall Renovation – Construction of Information Technology Addition

Construction: IT Building Addition
Anticipated Start, Summer 2008
Anticipated Completion, Spring 2009
Smiddy Hall
Anticipated Start, Summer 2009
Anticipated Completion, Late Fall 2010
Architect: Train & Partners
Contractor: Rentenbach Incorporated
Project Cost: $13,546,000 State General Funds
Project Scope: The IT addition will be incorporated to the existing Smiddy Hall comprising 6,000-square-feet which will house the IT offices, the server room and equipment repair. This component will be built as the first phase of the project, as the IT systems must be in place before the Smiddy Hall renovation can begin. The Smiddy Hall renovation will bring the systems in the building up to date, address accessibility issues and result in the construction of new classrooms and faculty offices. The exterior will be addressed to provide a focal point to the entrance of the campus; the existing classroom wing will be removed and rebuilt to compliment Crockett Hall and the Slemp Student Center.
This project is progressing again after a change in architectural firms. This change, along with moving the IT wing back to the building instead of being a standalone facility, which was done because of encountered geotechnical issues, has placed the project a couple of months behind schedule.
BACKGROUND: As a continuation of the College’s efforts to support economic growth in Southwest Virginia, the Office of Economic Development was established in the summer of 2007. The office will serve as the gateway for the region’s employers to connect with the training and educational resources of the College. Expanding business partnerships is one of the institutional performance standards required by the Higher Education Restructuring Act.

In July 2007, Shannon Blevins joined the College administration and assumed responsibility for the Office of Economic Development. She came to the College from the Virginia Department of Business Assistance where she served as the coordinator for state, regional, and local efforts in support of the CGI and Northrop Grumman operations in Russell County. She has continued to strengthen the College’s relationships with Northrop Grumman, CGI and Sykes as well as conducting outreach efforts to employers throughout the region.

DISCUSSION: Southwest Virginia Technology Development Center: As per the agreement between the College and the Russell County Industrial Development Authority, Wise is making significant strides in establishing the operations of the Southwest Virginia Technology Development Center in Lebanon. This facility will serve the emerging information technology industry in Russell County and other employers throughout the region. The Center’s “one-stop” facility for IT training will provide unprecedented training and
development opportunities for businesses and residents, and provide both technical training and professional development programs.

This 32,000 sq. ft. facility, strategically located within walking distance of the Northrop Grumman and CGI facilities, opened for business last month.

Reaching out to the Region: As part of a multi-pronged approach to establishing the Office of Economic Development and assessing the educational and support needs of the region’s employers, Ms. Blevins conducted a listening tour with leaders throughout the area. These focused conversations were held with business and industry leaders, government representatives, community leaders, and employees of CGI and Northrop Grumman.

The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Office of Economic Development year end report for 2007 follows:
Organizational Development:
- Administrative Office Specialist hired and currently in training.
- IT Systems Engineer II currently being recruited. Selection Team being assembled.

Infrastructure/ Back-office Processes:
- Billing/Invoicing, enrollment, cash handling, scheduling and procurement procedure in place; Staff trained.
- Operations manual for SVTDC nearing completion.

Client Relations Management:
- Reaching Out to the Region Listening Tour: 21 Interviews conducted (10 Industry representatives; 11 government or community organizations).
- Surveys to CGI and NG completed – 158 respondents out of approximately 260 surveyed (60% return).
- Produced in Virginia Focus Group – survey distributed to 15 business leaders – two respondents (1.3% return).
- CGI & NG completed successful training and/or operations in SVTDC in fourth quarter 2007.
- Participated in two prospect visits from Sykes Enterprises during selection process for Buchanan County facility.

Facilities Management:
- Completed Phased Growth Plan and submitted it to Russell County; included detailed equipment/furniture requirements for Phase 1. Vendor proposals received in December, 2007. Procurement of items underway currently.
- Continuing to manage punch item list related to construction.
- Emergency procedures and evacuation plans designed; signs have been ordered.
- Clarified “gray” areas of UVa-Wise/Russell County agreement; cost for internet connectivity still pending.
College Outreach and Involvement

- Visited and presented to the Future of the Piedmont Foundation; began relationship building with representative from Southern Virginia; expect visit in late Winter or early Spring.
- Secured invitation to all Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority regional/local development meetings.
- Represented UVa-Wise on Regional Preparedness Teams to include the REDI team, New Business Development, Childcare and Wellness, Workforce Development Advisory Team and Technology Team.
- Represented UVa-Wise on the Return to Roots Steering Team.
- Presented to LEAD VA, Wise County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, Southwest Virginia Technology Council, Workforce Investment Board Area 1.
- Hosted Bon Voyage Event for CGI & NG employees
- Hosted Regional Preparedness Team Reception and IT Strategic Task Team Receptions.

Outreach to UVa-Wise and UVA representatives

- Conducted Myers-Briggs workshop for Enrollment Management Team.
- Steering the Honor Code Project: The Honor Court will present to Crutchfield their project specs during the last week of January. Project expected to be complete by end of Spring Semester.
- Held 12 focused discussion sessions with Wise and the University of Virginia faculty as part of the Reaching out to the Region initiative.
- Held meeting with Darden School CEO, Center for Leadership Development and School for Continue Education and Professional Studies at the University of Virginia.
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AGENDA ITEM: I.C. U.Va. Medical School/Healthy Appalachia Project

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Far Southwest Virginia is a uniformly rural region of 207,000 people with an age-adjusted death rate that is 24% higher than the age-adjusted death rate in Virginia overall. The local population suffers from a high incidence of heart disease, cancer, respiratory disease, unintentional injury, diabetes, and suicide. A new initiative in the region is working to develop a common understanding of the region's health status and a strategic vision for improvement.

DISCUSSION: Healthy Appalachia is a new joint initiative of the Appalachian Regional Commission, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, the Graduate Medical Education Consortium, the University of Virginia's School of Medicine, and the University's Department of Economic Development.

Covering Virginia's Planning District Commissions 1 and 2, Healthy Appalachia's purpose is twofold:

1. Complete an assessment of population health and the adequacy of current healthcare systems and resources, well as a repository for longitudinal data, health education materials, and health care best practices.

2. Develop a strategic plan to foster a healthier population in Appalachian Virginia, utilizing the assessment data and input from a wide-range of institutions, groups, agencies, and individuals.
Recently, the newly-legislated Southwest Virginia Health Facilities Authority has endorsed the assessment as important to its work.

Key leaders at the University include Ms. Elizabeth McGarvey, Dr. Karen Rheuban, Ms. Ruth Bernheim, and Ms. Pace Lootz.
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AGENDA ITEM: I.D. Papa Joe Smiddy DVD

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The College is currently in the process of production of a 3-disc DVD set entitled “Dr. Joseph ‘Papa Joe’ Smiddy: The Man, His Life, and His Legacy at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise”.

DISCUSSION: This video production is being developed internally and features two DVDs of interviews with Papa Joe Smiddy complete with photos of his life and the early days of the College. The third DVD includes two live concerts with Papa Joe and his bluegrass band recorded in 2007. The video promises to give viewers a broad perspective on the life of this great man and his tireless work to see The University of Virginia’s College at Wise become the successful and fast growing institution it is today. DVDs should be available in the spring.
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