

February 8, 2008

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. Mastracco, Jr.
A. Macdonald Caputo	The Hon. 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 February 8, 2008

The Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise met, in Open Session, at 10:05 a.m., Friday, February 2, 2008, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided.

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

Present as well were The Hon. Lewis F. Payne, Warren M. Thompson, E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., and Carey J. Mignerey.

Also present were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., David J. Prior, James L. Hilton, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair convened the Committee and made brief comments. He began by thanking the Board for its hospitality to the Wise Board at the time of the October Board of Visitors meeting.

He continued with comments on a miscellany of items involving either the College or the Wise community outside the College.

He then asked the Chancellor to give his customary report.

REPORT BY THE CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor gave an update on construction projects at the College - recently completed, in progress, or about to begin.

Lila Vicars Smith House Renovation and Addition: Work has been finished on this project, which is the Chancellor's Residence.

Crockett Hall Renovation: Crockett Hall is one of the original buildings of the College. Work is on schedule and should be done by July.

Campus Entrance Project: This project will change the main entrance of the campus and expected to be completed in July.

Center for the Arts: Work is underway on this project, which will provide centralized facilities for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, including classrooms, a black box theatre and an art gallery. The expected completion date is August, 2009.

Science Building Renovation: This is the final phase of the renovation of the Science Area. It is expected to be done in April, 2009.

Residence Hall 3: Construction should begin shortly and the 120-bed residence hall is expected to be finished by July, 2009.

Dining Hall: Preliminary work has started and the project should be completed in July, 2009.

Smiddy Hall Renovation - Construction of the Information Technology Addition: Work is expected to begin next summer on the IT Addition with completion the following spring (2009). The renovation of Smiddy Hall will begin with the completion of the IT Addition and should be finished by the late fall of 2010.

The Chancellor also talked about the proposed Convocation Center and what it would mean to the region.

Mr. Prior continued with comments on economic development efforts by the College in Southwest Virginia. He told the Committee that the College established the Office of Economic Development last summer. Ms. Shannon Blevins joined the College administration in July and assumed responsibility for the Office. Per the agreement between the College and the Russell County Industrial Development Authority, the College at Wise is establishing the operations of the Southwest Virginia Technology Development Center in Lebanon - the facility will serve not only Russell County but employers throughout the region.

The Chancellor then described the project called Healthy Appalachia and the College's and the University Medical School's involvement in it; he commented that far Southwest Virginia has an age-adjusted death rate that is 24% higher than the age-adjusted death rate in Virginia overall. Healthy Appalachia is to complete an assessment of health in the region and the adequacy of current healthcare systems; as well to develop a strategic plan to foster a healthier population in Appalachian Virginia.

Finally, Mr. Prior reported that the College is currently in the process of producing a 3-disc DVD set to be called "Dr. Joseph 'Papa Joe' Smiddy: The Man, His Life, and His Legacy at The University of Virginia's College at Wise."

The Chair concluded by thanking Mr. Rainey, whose term on the Board is ending, for all he has done for the College at Wise.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

AGG:jb

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