

June 12, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

Glynn D. Key, Chair
Alan A. Diamonstein
Susan Y. Dorsey
Austin Ligon
Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
Lewis F. Payne
E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
John O. Wynne
W. Heywood Fralin, Ex Officio
Edmund W. Kitch, Consulting Member

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Daniel R. Abramson	Adom Getachew
A. Macdonald Caputo	Don R. Pippin
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.	Gordon F. Rainey,
Thomas F. Farrell, II	Warren M. Thompson

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational Policy
Committee on June 12, 2008

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, June 12, 2008, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Glynn D. Key, Chair, presided.

Present were The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Austin Ligon, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., the Honorable Lewis F. Payne, E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., John O. Wynne, and W. Heywood Fralin, Rector.

Edmund W. Kitch, Consulting Member and Chair of the Faculty Senate, was there as well.

Present, too, were Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., Don R. Pippin, Warren M. Thompson, and Ms. Adom Getachew.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Paul J. Forch, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., Ms. Susan A. Carkeek, William B. Harvey, James L. Hilton, Sharon L. Hostler, M.D., R. Edward Howell, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, David J. Prior, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert D. Sweeney, Ms. Meredith Woo, J. Milton Adams, Thomas C. Skalak, Steven de Kosky, M.D., and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair called the meeting to order and after reviewing the business to be considered, asked Dr. Garson, Provost and Executive Vice President, to present the Agenda.

Dr. Garson commented briefly on his first year as Provost and told the Committee how much he relies on his staff.

He then introduced Ms. Meredith Woo, Dean-elect of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Steven DeKosky, Vice President and Dean-elect of the School of Medicine, and Thomas C. Skalak, Chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Vice President for Research-elect.

Each of the three addressed the Committee and told something of the visions they have for their respective positions.

Dr. Garson asked Mr. Adams, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, to report to the Committee on technology transfer.

Mr. Adams said there is an Oversight Committee considering technology transfer questions. He and Mr. Bruner, Dean of the Darden School, are the Co-Chairs of the Committee. The other members are Mr. Fitz-Hugh, Dr. Hewlett of the faculty of the School of Medicine, Mr. Mastracco, Mr. James B. Murray, Jr. - Managing Director of Court Square Ventures in Charlottesville, and Dr. Vaughan.

In its review of technology transfer at the University, the Oversight Committee is considering several questions, among them: Are the University's goals for technology transfer sufficiently aspirational for a preeminent research university? Should the goals focus on generating revenue, serving the public good, stimulating economic development in Virginia and the nation, or supporting research - or some combination of all these?

Continuing, he suggested several more, among them: Is the current organizational structure for technology transfer the best model for the University? What is the strategy to increase the University's technology transfer productivity and quality? How should we best align this goal to be consistent with the University's ambitions in research?

And, does the Patent Foundation work effectively to stimulate and nurture faculty members' ideas and to advance them to the marketplace? What is the appropriate relationship between the Patent Foundation and the University?

The Oversight Committee will produce a written report and invite public comment. A final report will be given to the Board of Visitors at the October meeting.

Dr. Garson referred Members to the written report on the Student System Project, included with the Agenda Book previously distributed to them.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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