

October 2, 2008

MEMORANDUM

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

Don R. Pippin, Chair  
Daniel R. Abramson  
The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein  
Thomas F. Farrell, II  
Austin Ligon  
John O. Wynne  
W. Heywood Fralin, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

A. Macdonald Caputo	Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
Susan Y. Dorsey	The Hon. Lewis F. Payne
Helen E. Dragas	Warren M. Thompson
Robert D. Hardie	E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Glynn D. Key	Adom Getachew

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia's  
College at Wise Meeting on October 2, 2008

The Committee of the Board of Visitors on the University of Virginia's College at Wise met, in Open Session, at 2:20 p.m., on Thursday, October 2, 2008, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided.

Present were Daniel R. Abramson, The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, Thomas F. Farrell, II, Austin Ligon, John O. Wynne, and W. Heywood Fralin, Rector.

Also present were A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Robert D. Hardie, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., The Hon. Lewis F. Payne, E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., and Ms. Adom Getachew.

Present as well were Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., David J. Prior, Ms. Susan A. Carkeek, William B. Harvey, James L. Hilton, R. Edward Howell, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR

The Chair reported on a miscellany of topics: this year's RAM project in July, in which faculty and staff from the Medical Center once more were major participants; work on the renovation and restoration - nearly complete - of the old Poor House, the original building of the College; completion of work on Lila Smith Vicars House, the Chancellor's Residence; and Mr. Ligon's first visit to the College.

REPORT BY THE CHANCELLOR

Mr. Prior reported first on the progress of various construction projects at the College: Crockett Hall (the old Poor House) and the Campus Entrance Project, both of which are nearly done. Among the projects underway and scheduled to be finished at various times in 2009 are the Center for the Arts, the renovation of the Science Building, the construction of Residence Hall 3, and the construction of the Dining Hall. The Smiddy Hall Renovation project and the construction of the new Information Technology Facility have not begun, though preliminary work is to begin shortly. Work on the Convocation Center is scheduled to start next spring, with an anticipated completion date of Fall 2011.

Mr. Prior cited some figures for the Committee: 438 first year students matriculated this fall, up from 414 last year. Some 24% of the matriculants ranked in the top 10% of their high school class, 53% were in the top 25% in their high schools and 85% ranked in the top 50% - figures that are unchanged from last year. Virginians account for 93% of the total; of these, 52% are from Southwest Virginia, 20% from Northern Virginia, and 11% from Central Virginia. The total headcount for the fall semester is 1,866.

Mr. Prior then described briefly that Appalachian Inter-Mountain Scholars (AIMS) Program. It was established in May 2007 by the College in partnership with its largest feeder community college, Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap. The Chancellor characterized AIMS as "a simple conduit through which students can progress more easily between the two institutions."

The AIMS Higher Scholarship Program encourages high school students in Dickenson, Lee, Scott, and Wise Counties and the City of Norton - which constitutes the primary service area of the College at Wise - to complete a challenging curriculum and pursue higher education. To qualify for an AIMS scholarship, students must achieve a high school grade point average of at least 2.5 in each of the seventeen approved college preparatory courses, maintain a 95% attendance rate throughout high school, have no out of school suspensions, and complete twenty hours of community service over a four-year period. Students who have met these requirements can then enroll at Mountain Empire Community College and pay no tuition for two years.

Students who meet stringent college academic requirements can then transfer "seamlessly" to the College at Wise without completing a transfer application and without paying an application fee, among other benefits. Pending funding for this part of the program, they will pay no tuition at the College as long as they remain in good academic standing.

The first group of AIMS Scholars will attend the College in the fall 2009 semester - twenty students are projected for this first class.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Program at The University of Virginia's College at Wise for the 2010-2020 Update of the Major Capital Projects Program

The Chancellor then reviewed the update of the major capital projects for the College, as part of the 2010-2020 update of the University's Major Capital Projects Program. The projects are as follows: New Library; Alternative Energy Feasibility Study; Campus Telecommunications Infrastructure; Dam Safety Modifications; Proscenium Theatre; Campus Mobility; Residence Hall IV; Wyllie Library Conversion; Campus Lighting; Economic Development Center; New Classroom/Lab Building; North Campus Utility Expansion; West Campus ADA Elevation Changes; and Residence Hall V.

Mr. Prior noted that the Committee needed to bless these projects before they are forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration.

On motion, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

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APPROVAL OF PROGRAM OF THE COLLEGE AT WISE FOR THE 2010-2020  
UPDATE OF THE MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

RESOLVED, the College at Wise projects proposed for the 2010-2020 Update of the Major Capital Projects Program are Appropriate for inclusion in the Program.

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On further motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

AGG:jb

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