COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

Thursday, June 11, 2009
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:
Don R. Pippin, Chair
Daniel R. Abramson
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein
Thomas F. Farrell, II

Austin Ligon
John O. Wynne
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AGENDA

I. ACTION ITEMS (Messrs Pippin and Prior)
   A. SCHEV Enrollment Projections  
   B. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program

II. REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE (Messrs. Pippin and Prior)
   A. Enrollment
   B. Appalachian Inter-Mountain Scholars Program

III. THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN OTHER BOARD OF VISITORS COMMITTEES
   • Finance Committee
     o The University of Virginia’s College at Wise
        Budget for 2009-2010
BACKGROUND: Since 1954, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality educational opportunities to students. The guiding principles of academic excellence, strengthened admissions standards, and enhanced retention efforts within a residential campus environment have been the driving forces behind the College’s success over the past several years. In April 2009, the State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) requested that headcount enrollment projections be amended through fiscal year 2016. These updated headcount enrollment projections will be an integral part of the College’s Strategic Plan and is an Institutional Performance Measure examined by SCHEV each year.

DISCUSSION: The Office of Institutional Research examined the College’s enrollment trends and developed the following headcount enrollment projections in consultation with the Chancellor, Provost, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Governmental Relations, and the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management.

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ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Committee on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise and by the Board of Visitors
APPROVAL OF ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS 2009 - 2015

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is committed to the managed growth of its student body; and

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is committed to recruiting and retaining an academically talented and diverse student body.

RESOLVED, the proposed enrollment projections for The University of Virginia’s College at Wise for the fall 2009 through the fall 2015 is approved:

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: June 11, 2009

COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: I.B. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

BACKGROUND: The University of Virginia’s College at Wise has negotiated an arrangement with East Tennessee State University to collaborate in the offering of ROTC on the Campus at Wise.

DISCUSSION: The United States Army has always been a citizen army, and ROTC is the primary provider for commissioned officers. Every other public baccalaureate institution in Virginia offers ROTC. Army ROTC has a total of 273 host institutions and more than 1,100 partnerships and affiliate schools across the country. The University of Virginia’s College at Wise will be one of the latter, if the agreement with East Tennessee State University is approved.

Commissioned officers from East Tennessee State University will be the instructors of record for all ROTC coursework offered at the College until such time as the United States Army or the Virginia Army National Guard assigns a full-time commissioned officer to our Campus. The Virginia Army National Guard has posted a senior non-commissioned officer on the College campus to assist with the program.

Statistics clearly show that students who participate in ROTC Programs remain in college to earn degrees at a significantly higher rate than non-participating students. They earn higher grades and learn to focus on career goals in a manner which prepares them for success in life.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Committee on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise and by the Board of Visitors.
APPROVAL OF THE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Programs produce the majority of the U.S. Army's commissioned officers; and

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is the only public institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia that does not provide students the opportunity to participate in ROTC; and

WHEREAS, significant interest exists among the Wise College students for ROTC; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee State University and the Virginia Army National Guard have agreed to provide personnel for an ROTC Program at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise;

RESOLVED, the initiation of a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program beginning in the fall of 2009 at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is approved.
BACKGROUND: The College at Wise is well positioned to meet the established new student enrollment and total student headcount goals for the fall 2009 semester. The fall 2009 goal for freshmen is 445 (fall 2008 was 435) while the goal for transfer students is 160 (fall 2008 was 155). The total student headcount goal is 1,974.

DISCUSSION: The following indicators as of April 28, 2009, suggest that the College at Wise is on target to meet the established goal for incoming students:

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<td>Enrollment Deposits</td>
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<td>Average SAT (Deposited)</td>
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Other positive indicators include:

- The fall semester to spring semester retention rate for those freshmen entering in the fall 2008 semester is 89.4 percent. The fall semester to spring semester retention rate for those freshmen entering in the fall 2007 semester was 86.5 percent.

- As of April 28, 2009, 1,016 students were registered for fall semester 2009 classes compared to 862 students at the same point in time last year.
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: June 11, 2009

COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: II.B. Appalachian Inter-Mountain Scholars Program (AIMS)

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The College at Wise remains steadfast in its service to far southwestern Virginia by promoting access to higher education, providing an affordable educational experience, and contributing to the workforce and to economic development efforts in the region. To further symbolize this commitment, in May, 2007 the College at Wise established an innovative partnership with Mountain Empire Community College (MECC) in Big Stone Gap. The Appalachian Inter-Mountain Scholars Program, also known as AIMS, is a dual admission program creating a simple conduit through which students can progress more easily between the two institutions.

DISCUSSION: The AIMS Higher Scholarship Program encourages high school students in Dickenson, Lee, Scott, and Wise Counties and the City of Norton (the College at Wise’s primary service area) to complete a challenging curriculum and to pursue higher education. To qualify for the scholarship, students must achieve a grade point average of 2.5 or better in each of the 17 approved college preparatory courses, maintain a 95% attendance rate throughout high school, have no out of school suspensions, and complete 20 hours of community service over a four-year period. Students who then enroll at Mountain Empire Community College pay no tuition for two years.

Through this agreement, the benefits of the AIMS Higher Program will continue for those students transferring to UVa-Wise. While enrolled at MECC, students are expected to complete the necessary coursework to receive an associate degree in a transfer program within three years, demonstrate at least a 2.5 grade point average, earn no grade below a “C” during the period
of enrollment, demonstrate sound character and remain in good standing while enrolled, and complete 20 hours of community service each year.

Students who are selected as AIMS Higher scholars at MECC will be concurrently admitted to both institutions. These students will be assigned an academic advisor and student mentor from the College at Wise, will receive a "CAVS" student ID card, have access to College at Wise facilities and activities, and will have the option of taking courses at the College while enrolled at MECC. Simply stated, they become part of the College at Wise academic community upon matriculation at MECC. Upon transfer, AIMS Scholars will pay no tuition at the College at Wise as long as they remain in good standing.

For the fall semester of 2009, eighteen students plan to enroll at the College at Wise with several more expected. This group has a transfer grade point average of 3.3 and demonstrates an extensive resume of co-curricular activities.
Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility for this program applies to any student at MECC who meets and maintains eligibility for the AIMS Higher Program while enrolled at MECC in any program leading to an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in a college/university transfer program. Students who reside in Lee, Scott, Wise, and Dickenson Counties, and the City of Norton and begin their college enrollment as students at MECC are eligible to participate.

AIMS Higher Program participants must meet the following requirements for transfer to UVa-Wise upon completion of the transfer program at MECC:

- Demonstrate full time enrollment at MECC (at least 12 credit hours per semester)
- Complete necessary coursework within three years at MECC
- Demonstrate at least a 2.5 grade point average or higher while enrolled at MECC
- Complete the necessary coursework to receive an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in a transfer program
- Earn no grade below “C” during the period of enrollment at MECC
- Demonstrate sound character and remain in good standing while enrolled at MECC

Program Benefits: AIMS Higher Program participants will receive the following benefits:

- Will not be required to apply for admission to UVa-Wise upon completion of their transfer program; however, AIMS Higher participants will be required to complete an updated In-State Tuition Form prior to enrollment at UVa-Wise as required by the Code of Virginia
- Will not be required to pay the application fee to UVa-Wise
Upon successful completion of the transfer program of study at MECC, AIMS Higher Program recipients will receive financial benefits equal to the amount of annual tuition (in state) as set by UVa-Wise. This agreement does not cover any student fees that are normally charged by UVa-Wise to its students over and above the tuition costs.

Will, upon transfer, be deemed to have met general education requirements at UVa-Wise, with the exception of the foreign language requirement (six (6) semester hours) unless these courses are taken during the period of enrollment at MECC – an MECC or UVa-Wise transfer counselor will work to ensure that chosen courses accommodate their fields of study.

Will be granted junior class standing and may receive up to a total of sixty-two (62) hours of transfer credit upon transfer.

Will be assigned an academic advisor at UVa-Wise while attending MECC

a UVa-Wise email address

a UVa-Wise “CAVS” card – to receive this card, participants will be required to pay an annual usage fee in an amount to be specified by the Division of Student Affairs at UVa-Wise to qualify for the benefits the CAVS card entitles them to – admission to sporting events and the use of other college facilities.

Access to and use of the John C. Wylie Library at UVa-Wise

Will be assigned a student mentor who will facilitate the transition from MECC to UVa-Wise – once the first class of AIMS Higher students matriculate, these students will be required to serve the program in this capacity

Other benefits as developed and implemented by MECC and UVa-Wise

Additional Requirements:

Upon transfer, AIMS Higher Program participants will be expected to complete twenty (20) hours of community service (self-reported) each year.