

June 11, 2009

MEMORANDUM

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

Don R. Pippin, Chair
Daniel R. Abramson
The Hon. 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	Rahul Gorawara

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of
Virginia's College at Wise Meeting on June 11, 2009

The Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise met, in Open Session in the Board Room of the Rotunda, at 3:35 p.m. on Thursday June 11, 2009. Don R. Pippin, Chair, presided.

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

Present as well were Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Robert D. Hardie, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., The Honorable Lewis F. Payne, Warren M. Thompson and Rahul Gorawara.

Present, too, were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Paul J. Forch, Ms. Susan A. Carkeek, Steven T. DeKosky, M.D., Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., James L. Hilton, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, David J. Prior, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Ms. Susan G. Harris, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair gave a general report on The University of Virginia's College at Wise, specifically mentioning the tuition of \$3586 for next year; Governor Kaine's address at graduation in which he renamed the school "Opportunity University"; and the Crockett Hall rededication on Founder's Day. He thanked Mr. Casteen for a "spectacular" speech at the rededication ceremony. He referenced handouts to the Board on both graduation and the Founder's Day rededication.

Mr. Pippin also mentioned Dominion's donation to the Rural Area Medicine clinic in Southwest Virginia.

The Chair recognized Mr. Prior, the Chancellor, who reviewed the action items.

The first action item is the SCHEV Enrollment Projections. The Committee approved the following resolution:

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:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Total Headcount</u>
Fall 2009	1,974
Fall 2010	1,984
Fall 2011	1,994
Fall 2012	2,004
Fall 2013	2,014
Fall 2014	2,024
Fall 2015	2,034

Mr. Prior then discussed the implementation of an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program in conjunction with East Tennessee State University. The College at Wise was the only college or university in Virginia without an ROTC program. He stated that ROTC is a fine program for all students, not just those intent on a military career. Those who make a commitment to go into the military get a "full ride" including tuition, fees, housing, meals and books.

The Committee approved the following resolution:

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.

Enrollment Report

Mr. Prior discussed the enrollment report for the Fall 2009 semester. The College at Wise is on target to meet the established goal for incoming students. The number of enrollment deposits has increased. The College at Wise is also ahead in offers of admission and deposits for transfer students. The College at Wise will enroll about 50 transfer students in the Fall. The relationship with students coming from community college is important in building a "culture of education" in Southwest Virginia.

Appalachian Intermountain Scholars

Mr. Prior discussed the Appalachian Intermountain Scholars (AIM) program with Mountain Empire Community College. The program is a stimulus to middle and high school students to begin thinking about going to college. Students who go to Mountain Empire for two years and do well are eligible for a scholarship at the College at Wise. The students are conditionally admitted to the College at Wise when they enter Mountain Empire. The College at Wise will enroll 20 students this Fall. The scholarship eligibility is to "top off" federal and state financial aid. Mr. Prior said the program has a carrying capacity of 30-40 students. The cost is about \$40,000 of additional scholarship liability.

Mr. Sandridge asked Mr. Ligon and Mr. Abramson to give brief descriptions of graduation at the College at Wise. Mr. Ligon said it was tremendous, particularly to see Governor Holton. Mr. Abramson said graduation was very hot, but a great event. He also mentioned that the Founder's Day ceremony was special, with Senator Warner and the Crockett family in attendance. Mr. Ligon mentioned the "mountain breakfast" at graduation. Mr. Pippin said Governor Kaine was a great sport; the only Governor who has toured the campus from the back of a pickup truck.

Mr. Pippin announced that Mr. Farrell has agreed to serve on the Board at Wise. Mr. Pippin said he was very pleased and "Tom Farrell Day" will be combined with the annual celebration of "Alice Ramsey Day". Alice Ramsey was the first woman to drive a car across America in 1909. There is some evidence that she was from Wise County. The Board gave Mr. Farrell a round of applause.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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