

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S
COLLEGE AT WISE
November 17, 2009**

COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF
VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

Tuesday, November 17, 2009
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:

Don R. Pippin, Chair	W. Heywood Fralin
Daniel R. Abramson	Robert D. Hardie
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein	Austin Ligon
Helen E. Dragas	John O. Wynne, Ex-officio

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AGENDA ITEM: A. Remarks by the Chair of the Committee

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Mr. Don Pippin, Chair of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Committee, will report on the following items of interest which do not require formal action.

1. The meeting of the Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise on September 29, 2009.
2. Presidential Search Forum conducted on September 29, 2009. Mr. Pippin will ask Mr. Wynne to report.
3. The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board Retreat on October 22, 2009, facilitated by Mr. Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.
4. Planning for 2020.

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AGENDA ITEM: B.1. Nursing

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The University of Virginia's College at Wise offers a program of study leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. This program is fully approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing and has been granted unconditional accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. There are two tracks.

The Pre-Licensure Program is for students who wish to earn a BSN and take the registered nurse licensure examination, the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Once admitted to the nursing major, students in the Traditional Program must enroll full-time.

The RN to BSN Program is a program for registered nurses who have either a diploma or an associate degree in nursing. This Program has been specifically designed for the working registered nurse student, and is offered on the Wise Campus and at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon. The Institutional Performance Measures (the accountability structure under Virginia's Higher Education Restructuring Act) encourage institutions to increase the total number and percentage of graduates in high need areas (e.g. nursing, teacher education, engineering, and medicine.)

DISCUSSION: The Department of Nursing is revising its curriculum, undertaking new recruitment strategies, renewing clinical site relationships and identifying several opportunities to update and better prepare the College's nursing students to be effective and valued health professionals who can move directly into clinical settings.

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AGENDA ITEM: B.2. Teacher Education

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Teacher education has been a core program of The University of Virginia's College at Wise since its founding in 1954.

The College offers teaching endorsements in 14 areas, with the most recent additions in music education, both instrumental and vocal/choral, and health and physical education. Education laboratories include a curricula lab, a math-science lab, and a testing lab, and students use smart board technology in the program. In addition, UVa-Wise serves as the Virginia Department of Education Region 7 Public Review Site for textbook adoption.

The Department of Education sponsors a Reading Clinic for grades 1-3, an Early Childhood Conference and a Dr. Seuss celebration each year. The faculty is working with the University in several restructuring initiatives including bringing graduate programs into the region and an early literacy program.

The Institutional Performance Measures (the accountability structure under Virginia's Higher Education Restructuring Act) encourage institutions to increase the total number and percentage of graduates in high need areas (e.g. nursing, teacher education, engineering, and medicine.)

DISCUSSION: New teaching endorsements in instrumental and vocal/choral music, coupled with the opening of the Center for the Arts, are expected to increase the number of education majors.

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AGENDA ITEM: B.3. Computer Science, Management
Information Systems, and Software
Engineering

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: A Commission on Science & Engineering, comprised of 28 leaders from the public and private sectors, formed in December 2002 to assess the feasibility of adding new majors in science and technology at The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The Management Information Systems and Computer Science majors began in Fall 2005. The Software Engineering major, the only undergraduate software engineering major in Virginia, began in Fall 2006. Unprecedented support from the public and private sectors, including the General Assembly and the Governor's Office, as well as robust partnerships with Northrop Grumman, CGI and others, provided faculty and lab equipment for start-up.

The Institutional Performance Measures (the accountability structure under Virginia's Higher Education Restructuring Act) encourage institutions to increase the total number and percentage of graduates in high need areas (e.g. nursing, teacher education, engineering, and medicine.)

DISCUSSION: Recent renovations to the Science Center provide two dedicated labs with 30 workstations for the majors. The College is seeking ABET, Inc., accreditation for software engineering and computer science. A site visit for accreditation is scheduled November 2-3, 2009.