

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S  
COLLEGE AT WISE  
September 29, 2009

COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF  
VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

Tuesday, September 29, 2009  
11:00 a.m.

C. Bascom Slemp Student Center (Fifth Floor)

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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BOARD MEETING: September 29, 2009

COMMITTEE: The University of Virginia's  
College at Wise

AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Overview of the College

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Chancellor David Prior will report on items pertaining to the College that will be of interest to the Board, but does not require action.

DISCUSSION: The following is a brief summary of some of the items on which Mr. Prior will report:

Academic Area

- The software engineering and computer science programs at UVa-Wise will host a visit in November by Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), the national accrediting body for engineering programs. With the assistance of local corporate and educational leaders, and the Dean of Engineering at the University, UVa-Wise launched a baccalaureate degree programs in software engineering and computer science in 2005. The College has the only baccalaureate degree program in software engineering in the Commonwealth. National accreditation was our goal from the outset, and this year's ABET accreditation visit is an excellent opportunity to evaluate the success of our efforts.
  
- During the 2008-2009 academic year, UVa-Wise expanded the English and Mathematics collaborative with public school systems in Wise County to include teachers in Spanish and French. The purpose of the collaborative is the achievement of a better transition of students from high school to college in the respective disciplines. Teachers in participating disciplines (English, mathematics, foreign language) meet regularly to better understand curricular requirements at the high school and college levels and to make adjustments that will maximize student success at the college level.

- Approximately twenty UVA-Wise faculty members and administrators have made themselves available to public schools in the region as lecturers and presenters. This initiative is designed to increase the visibility of UVA-Wise curricular specialists and to inspire public school students in the Coalfield region to further their education at the college level.
- The Center for Teaching Excellence has expanded its outreach into the region. Services include credit courses available to teachers at all levels, workshops and in-service training experiences that address specific pedagogical skills, online course offerings, and leadership training.

### Development

- Gifts and pledges for the fiscal year which began July 1, 2008, total \$8.1 million. Of this amount \$4,035,450 is designated for buildings, property and equipment, (including the Dining Commons), \$1,025,000 for professorships, \$1.5 million is earmarked for scholarships and student financial aid, \$804,758 for academic program support, \$560,691 for athletics and various other restricted funds, and \$176,000 for unrestricted funds.
- As of July 31, the gifts and pledges to the *Fulfilling the Dream Campaign* total \$46.5 million toward a goal of \$50 million.

### Enrollment Management

- This fall 19 AIMS scholars will enroll at UVA-Wise. These students are academically well prepared and ready to proceed in their major fields of study. These students will participate in 20 hours of community service annually.
- The College signed a new articulation agreement with Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Students in the Associates in Arts or Sciences in General Studies program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College can now transfer to UVA-Wise with junior status.

## Financial Services

- Beginning in September quarterly "Budget Brown Bag Lunches" will be held to discuss budget issues affecting the College and its departments. The first one is scheduled for September 16.
- Completing the financial implementation of the College's new Student Information System.
- Preparing to open the new residence hall, Center for the Arts, and the renovated Science Building.
- Construction is underway with Information Technology wing of Smiddy Hall, which will upon completion transition in the renovation of Smiddy Hall, along with construction of the new Convocation Center.
- Pre-planning work is in progress for the new library.
- The College as part of the University is implementing the new Human Resource time allocation system.
- Working with the Darden School of Business on Entrepreneurship Development in Southwest Virginia, along with potential certifications for executive education to develop the mid and upper level management sector in the region.

## Information Technology

- Our new student information system implementation has gone well. The Jenzabar EX Total Campus Solution software went live for students, faculty and staff on June 19. The new system includes a new campus web portal for students and faculty and new administrative client/server software. A major change for UVa-Wise was our conversion from a legacy "flat-file" database system to a fully relational SQL-based system making data access and reporting much easier and reliable. A real-time management portal will also be in place showing up-to-the-hour information on student enrollment. The core project was completed in one year and is currently under the budgeted \$1.2 million dollars.

- The new Information Technology wing for the Smiddy Hall renovation is currently ahead of schedule with move-in expected by the end of November 2009. This new Information Technology wing will house staff offices and a new datacenter as well as a new Center for Technology Learning. This new Center will offer workshops, seminars and demonstration sessions on the newest technology for regional businesses and educational organizations. It will also serve as our primary point of instructional technology development and support for College faculty and students.
- A new information backup and recovery system is in place at UVA-Wise. This marks the first network-based backup and recovery system for the College. A second identical system will be located in one of UVA's secure datacenters to mirror the on-Campus system data for an off-Campus data recovery site with a few weeks.
- Our distance education initiative is being coordinated by a Committee made up of faculty and administrators from across the Campus and is charged with the development of an expansion of current distance education activities at the College. The Committee will examine several aspects of an expanded distance education offering including intended target audience, quality assurance and assessment and operational models.

### Student Affairs

- Beginning Fall semester 2010 we will begin competition in all sports in the Mid-South Conference. We have competed in the conference in football for several years.
- With the opening of our new residence hall this fall we will have the on Campus capacity of 775 permanent spaces.
- Athletics: Recent hires in the Athletic Department include Danny Sterling, Director of Athletics, Jason Montgomery, Men's Basketball Coach, and Kendall Rainey, Women's Volleyball Coach.
- August 14, we will welcome 430+ first year students to campus to begin an extended orientation program for all incoming first year students.

- The Crisis Management Team will continue to meet this coming year preparing for the event of a flu crisis. Two crisis simulations were conducted last spring. One was a cooperative simulation with the Wise County Sheriff's office involving the taking of hostages on Campus and the other was a simulated student drowning on Campus. Also this summer in cooperation with the local FBI, State Police and local law enforcement a bomb and explosive school was conducted on our Campus. We will continue our Blue Light walks this fall. This after dark walk is designed to assess the "sense of safety" across the Campus.

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AGENDA ITEM: I.B. U.Va.'s Outreach to Southwest Virginia  
Under Restructuring

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: As part of the restructuring management agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the University of Virginia is required to establish a formal partnership with an economically distressed region in Virginia, and to "work meaningfully and visibly" to stimulate economic development in that region. U.Va. has selected the Coalfield region, and is partnering with The University of Virginia's College at Wise and the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCEDA) in this effort.

The Coalfield region is defined as the area encompassed by VCEDA (Planning Districts 1 & 2). It includes the city of Norton, as well as the counties of Lee, Scott, Wise, Dickenson, Russell, Tazewell, and Buchanan.

The Board of Visitors Committee on Wise Goals for FY2010 include "implement strategies in PK-12 education, economic development, and health care through a University-College partnership in Southwest Virginia."

DISCUSSION: FY2009 marks the second full year of implementation of the "Partnership with Southwest Virginia" economic development plan under the restructuring agreement. Collaborations have expanded to include federal and state agencies, non-profits, and the private sector. Innovative initiatives in the three focus areas (PK-12, economic development and health) reflect community-based participatory engagement focusing on sustainable solutions. Over \$3.5 million in new funding has been secured in the past year.