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

Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Chair
W. Heywood Fralin
Robert D. Hardie
Stephen P. Long, M.D.
George Keith Martin
John L. Nau III
Helen E. Dragas, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

A. Macdonald Caputo       Mark J. Kington
Hunter E. Craig            Randal J. Kirk
Allison Cryor DiNardo      Timothy B. Robertson
Glynn D. Key               Jonathan B. Overdevest
                           Edward D. Miller, M.D.

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Meeting on November 11, 2011

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 2:45 p.m., on Friday, November 11, 2011; Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Chair, presided.

Present were W. Heywood Fralin, Robert D. Hardie, Stephen P. Long, M.D., George Keith Martin, John L. Nau III, and Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Rector.
Present as well were A. Macdonald Caputo, Hunter E. Craig, The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein, Ms. Allison Cryor DiNardo, Ms. Glynn D. Key, Vincent J. Mastracco Jr., Timothy B. Robertson, and Jonathan B. Overdevest.


Remarks by the Chair

Mr. Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., chair, said the meeting at the College at Wise in October was informative for the committee members and gave them a greater understanding and appreciation of the College. He enumerated the committee’s goals for 2011-2012, approved at the October 10th committee meeting in Wise:

1. Complete “Envisioning 2020: A Blueprint for Success.” A committee was formed a year ago.

2. Implement additional strategies to improve retention, progression, and six-year graduation rates, including the early alert retention program. These strategies are underway.

3. Seek funding for full-time leadership and sustainability for the Healthy Appalachia Institute. This is a cooperative agreement between the College and the University that includes the Rural Area Medicine (RAM) program.

4. Launch “Pathways to Science & Engineering Careers: A Community-based Initiative.” This is a new goal, and involves going to the local schools to identify and encourage future college-bound STEM students.

Crockett Award

The Chair introduced Mr. David J. Prior, Chancellor of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise. Mr. Prior described the Crockett Award, created in 1995 and named after Samuel R. Crockett Jr., the University’s extension division representative in Southwest Virginia in 1954. Mr. Crockett helped to establish the branch campus in Wise, originally Clinch Valley College. The award is presented to an individual who has made significant efforts toward strengthening the relationship between the University of Virginia and the College.
Mr. Prior announced the 2011 recipient of the Crockett Award, Richard C. Kast, Associate General Counsel, who he described as "smart, circumspect, prompt, and always on target" with his advice.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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