UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
DIVERSITY
MAY 21, 2012
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Monday, May 21, 2012
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:
Allison Cryor DiNardo, Chair
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AGENDA ITEM: I. Supplier Diversity

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Dr. Martin will introduce Mr. Les Haughton, Director of Supplier Diversity. Mr. Haughton will report on Supplier Diversity Initiatives.
DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity and Equity, will report on the installation of a plaque honoring Henry Martin.
On January 25, 2012, as part of the annual Community MLK Celebration, an event honoring Henry Martin’s legacy and contributions was held in the Dome Room of the Rotunda. The Office of the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity & Equity, the U.Va. IDEA Fund, and the Office of the Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer sponsored this event. A Proclamation was read by City Councilor Dede Smith that declared the day “Henry Martin Day.” John Wright (A&S ’61, Darden ’63), an IDEA Fund Trustee, and his wife Trula Wright, proposed that a plaque honoring Henry Martin be installed on Grounds. With support from the Office of the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity & Equity and the IDEA Fund Board of Trustees, the installation of this plaque on the sidewalk near the University Chapel is proposed.

A resolution to install a plaque with the following language will be presented to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Full Board for approval:

HENRY MARTIN
1826-1915

Born in slavery at Monticello on July 4, 1826, the day of Thomas Jefferson’s death, Henry Martin worked at the University in various capacities from about 1847 until his retirement in 1910. In late 1868 or early 1869, he was employed as head janitor and bell ringer and continued in that position for the remainder of his time at the University. The University bell hung on the south porch of the Rotunda but it was destroyed in the fire of 1895. The Chapel bell, hung in the steeple adjacent to this marker, served as its replacement.

Henry Martin rang the bell at dawn to awaken the students, and rang it during the day to mark the hours and the beginning and ending of class periods. He was beloved by generations of faculty, students, and alumni, and he remembered them all when they returned for visits.

Gift of John H. and Trula Leventis Wright and The I.D.E.A. Fund
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AGENDA ITEM: II.B. Report on Diverse Student Experiences

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Dr. Martin will introduce Evan Shields, outgoing Chair of the Minority Rights Coalition at UVa. Mr. Shields will report on Diverse Student Experiences.