MEMORANDUM

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

Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Chair
A. Macdonald Caputo
Hunter E. Craig
Stephen P. Long, M.D.
John L. Nau III
Timothy B. Robertson
Linwood H. Rose
Helen E. Dragas, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

George Keith Martin               Randal J. Kirk
Frank B. Atkinson                 Vincent J. Mastracco Jr.
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein       Edward D. Miller, M.D.
Allison Cryor DiNardo             Hillary A. Hurd
Victoria D. Harker                William H. Goodwin Jr.
Bobbie G. Kilberg                Leonard W. Sandridge Jr.

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia’s
College at Wise Meeting on October 8, 2012

The Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia’s
College at Wise met, in Open Session, in the Dogwood Room of the Slemp
Student Center in Wise, Virginia, at 10:35 a.m., on Monday, October 8,
2012; Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Chair, presided.

A. Macdonald Caputo (via teleconference), Hunter E. Craig,
Stephen P. Long, M.D., Timothy B. Robertson (via teleconference),
Linwood H. Rose, and Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Rector were present.
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Present as well were Frank B. Atkinson (via teleconference), Vincent J. Mastracco Jr. (via teleconference), and Leonard W. Sandridge Jr.

Present, too, were Ms. Teresa A. Sullivan, Ms. Susan G. Harris, and Ms. Debra D. Rinker.

Also present were members from the UVA-Wise College Board.

Ms. Tamara S. Ely, Simeon E. Ewing, John Sanders Huguenin, and Ms. Jessica R. Shartouny were in attendance as presenters.

The Rector opened the meeting and thanked the College at Wise Board and administrators for their hospitality. Ms. Dragas said it was her fifth trip to Wise, and it is always great to see the changes each time, and the passion and energy from the community at Wise. She asked the Committee at Wise chair, Mr. Gilliam, to conduct the meeting.

The Chair began by thanking everyone for coming to Wise for the meeting. Mr. Gilliam reviewed the committee goals for 2012-2013. He stated that it was important for the administration at Wise to have clear communications with the administrators in Charlottesville in order to be able to fulfill the needs of the College. He stated that the goals brought forth were the same goals as last year, with the exception of the six-year plan. The College at Wise has added in an internal reallocation of $150,000 that will be available to the Provost each year to minimize salary compression and for merit increases.

Action Item: Committee Goals

On motion, the Committee adopted the following resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2012-2013

RESOLVED, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Committee goals for 2012-2013 are approved as presented.

Remarks by the Chair of the Committee

Mr. Gilliam began his remarks by stating that it has been a testament to the administration, staff, faculty, and students that the day-to-day operations of the College have continued seamlessly without requiring intervention from the University. The College has unified and put the long-term interests of the College ahead of their own.
Mr. Gilliam stated that many of the chancellor candidates have been impressed by the unity of purpose. He said President Sullivan and Leonard Sandridge are both well-known in the higher education community nationally, and it has been very comforting to the candidates to know that they are involved.

Mr. Gilliam stated that the single most important task of a college or university is to give young people the best education possible while they are students. With that said, he introduced Dr. Margie Tucker, Chair of the Department of Natural Sciences and Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Tucker spoke briefly about research within the department. She then introduced one of her students, Ms. Jessica Shartouny, to give a report on her research project - "A Winter in Limpopo: Health and Nutrition of Venda Children."

Ms. Shartouny is a 2012 Healthy Appalachia Fellow who traveled to South Africa with the UVA Center for Global Health. She gave a very entertaining and informative presentation about her experiences working with the people of the Venda region on health and nutrition issues.

Chancellor's Search

President Sullivan said the search for a Chancellor at Wise was proceeding well. There is a very robust pool of applicants. First-round interviews have been conducted by the search committee, and a select group has been put forward for second-round interviews. The search is on schedule and they hope to have a finalist by the end of the semester. President Sullivan commended the search committee for their accomplishments so far.

Fulfilling the Dream Campaign

Ms. Tamara Ely, Vice Chancellor for Development and College Relations, gave a report on the "Fulfilling the Dream" campaign. The goal for the campaign was originally $50 million and began in 2004. As of August 15, 2012, gifts and pledges total $65.1 million. Ms. Ely stated that the campaign has had an incredible impact on the College at Wise, and the additional resources will influence the College's development for years to come.

NCAA Division II Application

Mr. Simeon Ewing reported on the status of the NCAA Division II application. He said this was a three-year process. This year, the College will compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the following two years they will play in the NCAA Division II. He said the Department of Athletics has been enlightening the College community on the differences between the NAIA and NCAA rules and requirements. Mr. Ewing feels they have a good set of policies and procedures in place for this transition. Dr. Long
asked about budget impact on the College. Mr. Ewing stated that the College has hired a Compliance Officer which they have not been required to have in the past. Also, another women’s sport must be added in order to meet the requirements of the NCAA.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012

Mr. John Sanders Huguenin and Mr. Ewing reported on the committee goals for 2011-2012. Mr. Huguenin said they are making great strides in faculty salaries and retention rates. Initiatives to raise retention rates include raising admission standards, implementing an early alert system, and sending paper report cards to the mailing addresses of the students that are considered at risk. The College has also revised their academic reprieve policy and changed the way they do advising.

Mr. Huguenin spoke about the “Pathways to Science and Engineering Careers: A Community-based Initiative.” This initiative is a collaboration among The College at Wise, the area public schools, and the community. Its purpose is to create more interest in the STEM related fields and prepare students to be successful in these areas of study.

Mr. Ewing spoke briefly about the Healthy Appalachia Institute. He described it as a very exciting collaboration among Wise, the University of Virginia, and the Coalfield Coalition. He said it has gained over $2.8 million in programmatic support.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors website. http://www.virginia.edu/bov/uvawiseminutes.html