MEMORANDUM

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

Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Chair
Allison Cryor DiNardo
Helen E. Dragas
William H. Goodwin Jr.
John A. Griffin
Stephen P. Long, M.D.
Edward D. Miller, M.D.
Timothy B. Robertson
Bryan H. Hoyt, Faculty Consulting Member
George Keith Martin, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board and Senior Advisors:

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FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Meeting on September 20, 2013

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 9:25 a.m., on Friday, September 20, 2013; Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Chair, presided.

Allison Cryor DiNardo, Helen E. Dragas, William H. Goodwin Jr., John A. Griffin, Stephen P. Long, M.D., Edward D. Miller, M.D., Timothy B. Robertson, and George Keith Martin, Rector, were present.

Bryan H. Hoyt, Faculty Consulting Member, was also present.

Present, too, were Susan G. Harris, Donna Price Henry, Rick Kast, McGregor McCance, and Colette Sheehy.
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Action Item: State Required Six-Year Plan

Mr. Gilliam introduced the state required six-year plan.

On motion, the committee approved the following resolution and recommended it for full Board approval:

APPROVAL OF THE STATE REQUIRED SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FY14-16

RESOLVED, the Six-Year Plan for FY14-16 for The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is approved as presented.

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Action Item: Committee on Wise Goals for 2013-2014

Mr. Gilliam discussed the goals set for the committee for the 2013-2014 year. Each year the Committee on Wise sets goals to move the institution forward.

On motion, the committee approved the following resolution and recommended it for full Board approval:

APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2013-2014

RESOLVED, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Committee goals for 2013-2014 are approved as presented.

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Action Item: State Operating Budget Requests for the 2014-2016 Biennium

Mr. Gilliam said in odd numbered years, the College submits its requested amendments to the biennial budget to the Department of Planning and Budget for review by the Governor. They are then included in the biennial budget, which is submitted to the General Assembly in December. Operating amendments for the College total $1,864,600 in General Funds (GF) for the Biennium and $100,000 in Non-General Funds (NGF) for the Biennium.

On motion, the committee approved the following resolution and recommended it for Finance Committee and full Board approval:

APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2014 – 2016 BIENNIAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the College at Wise has an opportunity to propose budget amendments for consideration by the Governor in his 2014 – 2016 Biennial Budget; and
WHEREAS, the six-year plans previously approved by the Board of Visitors and submitted to the state by the College at Wise provide the basis for the proposed amendments;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia approves the 2014-2016 biennial budget requests accompanying this resolution; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board of Visitors understands that to the extent these initiatives are not included in the Governor’s 2014-2016 amended budget, the College may want to pursue similar requests to the Legislature; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the President or her designee is authorized to transmit to the General Assembly any request not funded by the Governor as long as there are no material differences from the items already endorsed by the Board of Visitors.

Remarks by the Chair of the Committee

Mr. Gilliam gave brief remarks regarding the status of the construction on the new Wellness Center and new Library and welcomed Ms. Henry to her first full academic year as chancellor.

Report of the Chancellor

Chancellor Henry gave the report on the College at Wise. She spoke about hosting the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Board at Wise. The College at Wise also hosted Lead Virginia for a workshop on initiatives and Southwest Virginia. She noted these are great opportunities to gain exposure for the college. The new Convocation Center is scheduled to host hip hop artist B.o.B in October; she said the students are really excited about this concert.

Ms. Henry has been working with primary and secondary school superintendents to address any concerns they may have. Their main concern is being able to provide an excellent education for gifted students. With a population decline, there are not enough students to support these programs. The College at Wise has created an early college program to get students engaged at the high school level. In conjunction with the local community college, The College at Wise has seen a 95% retention rate of these students. It is hoped these programs will increase enrollment for The College at Wise in the near future, as about 50% of the students come from the Southwest Virginia area.

Additionally, Ms. Henry said Wise has recruited three endowed professorships in biology, nursing, and history respectively. They
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are looking for a nursing professor that can help develop the online RN to BSN program.

In regard to the committee goals, Ms. Henry said they are focusing on recruitment and retention of students. The new recruitment brochure was handed out to committee members. Enrollment has increased slightly to 1,902 students, but freshman and transfer student enrollments are down about 5%. The online teacher education program and increased retention rate has allowed The College at Wise to grow enrollment.

Ms. Henry said the transition to NCAA Division II has been smooth. The average student athlete GPA is about 3.02 with women’s cross country and men’s tennis holding the highest overall team averages. She noted the higher GPAs for student athletes point to the fact that they are students first, athletes second, and take classes very seriously.

In discussing the strategic plan, Ms. Henry noted that although the College’s plan closely aligns with the University of Virginia’s strategic plan, there was one pillar that they were unable to accommodate: growing the general education and software engineering program as that would call for more faculty, facilities, and funding. Additional discussion continued on ways to reach out and market to make The College at Wise more appealing.

Remarks by Faculty Consulting Member

Mr. Hoyt highlighted the international opportunities offered through The College at Wise. Wise has an agreement with a number of sister institutions; when Wise sends students to these campuses they still pay The College at Wise tuition. He said they offer faculty-led trips, and are planning trips to China, Luxembourg, Germany, and the cities of London, Paris, and Rome. Additional student opportunities include the International Student Exchange Program, Academic Programs International, AustrLearn, and AsiaLearn. Mr. Hoyt said these are life-altering experiences for liberal arts education. With these programs, students at Wise come in contact with students and faculty from all over the world, creating a broader student experience.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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