UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNANCE AND ENGAGEMENT
FEBRUARY 20, 2014
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Thursday, February 20, 2014
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
President’s Reception Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:
John L. Nau III, Co-Chair
Timothy B. Robertson, Co-Chair
Frank B. Atkinson
Hunter E. Craig
Marvin W. Gilliam Jr.
John A. Griffin
Victoria D. Harker
Bobbie G. Kilberg
George Keith Martin, Ex-officio

AGENDA

I. Comments from the Co-Chairs of the Special Committee on Governance and Engagement (Messrs. Nau and Robertson)

II. Governance Workshop (Mr. Nau to introduce Richard P. Chait; Mr. Chait to conduct workshop)
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COMMITTEE: Governance and Engagement

AGENDA ITEM: Comments from the Co-Chairs

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Mr. Nau and Mr. Robertson will welcome guests and provide an overview of the meeting agenda.
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COMMITTEE: Governance and Engagement

AGENDA ITEM: Governance Workshop

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Mr. Richard P. Chait is Professor Emeritus at Harvard University and a well-known expert on governance. He will speak on the roles, responsibilities, and performance of boards of trustees and their relationship with the president.

Mr. Chait has expertise in terms and conditions of faculty employment, including promotion and tenure procedures, academic freedom, and faculty evaluation. He also studies the roles, responsibilities, and performance of boards of trustees.

For over 20 years, Mr. Chait has taught in Harvard's summer institute programs for executives in higher education. He has been a professor at the University of Maryland and at Case Western Reserve University, and was formerly associate provost at Pennsylvania State University. In 2001, he was selected by the Fulbright New Zealand Board of Directors as a Fulbright U.S. Distinguished American Scholar.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Chait will lead an interactive workshop that will offer a framework for consequential governance as well as best practices. He will focus on context, content, structure, and culture. His aim will be to identify concrete steps the Board may take to be more effective and add greater value.