

June 13, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Special Committee on Clinch Valley College:

Champ Clark, Chair  
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.  
T. Keister Greer  
James C. Wheat, III  
Hovey S. Dabney, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

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FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Committee on  
Clinch Valley College on June 13, 1997

The Special Committee on Clinch Valley College of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:20 a.m., Friday, June 13, 1997, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Champ Clark, Chair, presided. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., and Hovey S. Dabney, Rector, were present. Also present were John P. Ackerly, III, Charles M. Caravati, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, C. Wilson McNeely, III, Terence P. Ross, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Henry L. Valentine, II, and Ms. Kristine LaLonde; as well as John T. Casteen, III, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., L. Jay Lemons, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Robert W. Cantrell, Peter W. Low, Ms. Polley Ann McClure, Richard Davidson, George Culbertson, Gary W. Juhan, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair asked Mr. Lemons, Chancellor of Clinch Valley College, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Lemons thanked the Chair for being the Commencement speaker at Clinch Valley College in May and declared that his address was "on the mark" and very well received.

Mr. Lemons then took brief note of a miscellany of items: the College's enrollment projections, which were approved by the Board in April (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, April 12, 1997), will be examined for accuracy in the fall and will be reported to the Board at the November meeting. The College, along with other public institutions in the state, is in the process of identifying new peer institutions for the purpose of salary computations. The institutions identified so far, Mr. Lemons said, are a challenging group. Finally, Mr. Lemons passed around a copy of his annual report, which is in the form of a letter (a copy is attached to these Minutes as an Appendix).

Mr. Lemons quoted Mr. Joe Smiddy who said he thought the greatest contribution Clinch Valley College has made to Southwest Virginia is the training of teachers. The College, Mr. Lemons, said, has a long and unusual tradition of community outreach; one of the most important manifestations of this is teacher training. Mr. Lemons introduced Mr. Richard Davidson, Chair of the Department of Education and Director of Teacher Training.

Mr. Davidson told the Committee about some of the College's initiatives over the years in training teachers, as well as some current programs. Since 1970, the College has graduated 1800 trained teachers; most of these - some 1100 - are teaching in the elementary grades. Another 600 are secondary school teachers and about 100 are involved with special programs of one sort or another. The Department of Education has an active program of workshops, seminars and conferences. A recent initiative is a program designed to improve the teaching of mathematics and science, and to increase the use of technology in schools.

Mr. Lemons introduced Mr. George Culbertson, Provost and Senior Vice-Chancellor, and asked him to report on the College's efforts to make the transition for students entering Clinch Valley from the Community College System as smooth as possible. Noting that only 4.6% of the population of the Coalfield Counties have bachelors degrees and 2.3% have graduate or professional degrees, Mr. Culbertson emphasized that the role of Clinch Valley College is vital. The relationship between the College and the

local Community Colleges has always been good - in fact, over the last ten years, 40% of the graduates of Clinch Valley College have begun their higher education in the Community College System. The College wants to encourage and nurture this relationship and to that end, it is signing an agreement with the Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap, a so-called "dual admissions agreement." This means that a student beginning in the Community College System and continuing at Clinch Valley College will complete a single admissions application; on completion of an Associate of Arts & Sciences degree at Mountain Empire, the student would have automatic admission to Clinch Valley. The agreement specifies the necessary courses and other academic requirements.

The College hopes to have similar arrangements with Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon and with Southwest Virginia Community College in Richlands.

In reply to a question from the Chair, Mr. Culbertson said enrollments in the College will increase as a result of these agreements - particularly from Virginia Highlands and Southwest Virginia - but probably not dramatically. Mr. Lemons added that the agreements would resolve a major problem of transfer students, that of meeting the College's course requirements.

Mr. Lemons next introduced Mr. Gary Juhan, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, and asked him to report on the "Student Satisfaction Inventory," conducted by a national organization at Clinch Valley during the past winter.

Mr. Juhan described the survey and distributed pages excerpted from it to the Committee. It can be concluded from the survey that students in general are quite satisfied with the College. Parking and the lack of a student center were the principal causes of dissatisfaction.

Mr. Lemons commented on the parking problem and observed that 3,000 parking tickets were issued last year. Mr. Goodwin calculated that at an average of 9 tickets per student and said there obviously is a problem.

Finally, Mr. Lemons noted that \$3.93m in private donations had been given to the College in the current fiscal year, which of course has not yet ended. The previous best annual total was \$1.2m.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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