

January 23, 1998

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 January 23, 1998

The Clinch Valley College Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 10:10 a.m., Friday, January 23, 1998, in the offices of the Board of Visitors at the Rotunda; Champ Clark, Chair, presided. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., T. Keister Greer, and James C. Wheat, III, were present.

Present as well were the Rector, Hovey S. Dabney, who attended a portion of the meeting, and Ms. Kristine LaLonde.

Also present were Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., L. Jay Lemons, Brian Wills, George Culbertson, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

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

The first item, which called for a resolution from the Committee, was a presentation on a proposed FM public radio station to be located at the College. Mr. Lemons explained that the Coalfields region has limited access to public radio and that it is very difficult to receive the signal of the Roanoke/Blacksburg public radio station run by Virginia Tech. The proposed station would cover the Coalfield Counties and parts of Tennessee. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), which awarded a study grant for a possible station in 1996, has awarded a grant to assist in the construction of a station, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a construction permit. Approval is pending for the call letters WCVC.

The Committee was asked to accept the NTIA grant the FCC permit, and authorize the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to enter into a broadcast license agreement, similar to that in effect for WTJU at the University, on behalf of the Rector and Visitors.

The Committee approved the necessary resolution and recommended it to the full Board for consideration (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, January 24, 1998).

The Chancellor changed the order of the published Agenda somewhat and asked Mr. Culbertson, Provost at the College, and Mr. Wills, Professor of History, to give a presentation on the College's formal program review policy - in which each department is reviewed every five years - and specifically the review of the Department of History and Philosophy, which was done in the fall. In the course of it, Mr. Wills gave the Committee a comprehensive picture of how a small department in a small college is able to offer a fairly complete range of courses.

The Chancellor then described Crockett Hall, the oldest building at the College, which has deteriorated badly and must be renovated. A committee has been formed to study possible uses of the building.

The College fared well in the Governor's budget, Mr. Lemons reported, with an appropriation for a new Science Building. Faculty salaries, however, remain the College's first priority before the General Assembly.

Mr. Lemons thanked the Rector, who was present at his last meeting of the Committee as a Member of the Board, for his great interest in the College and for his support.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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