

October 9, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Clinch Valley College Committee:

William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Chair
Champ Clark
Joseph E. Wolfe
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

J. Michael Allen	Terence P. Ross
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D.	Albert H. Small
William H. Goodwin, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Twohy
T. Keister Greer	Henry L. Valentine, II
Elsie Goodwyn Holland	Walter F. Walker
Timothy B. Robertson	Benjamin P.A. Warthen
James C. Wheat, III	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Committee on
Clinch Valley College on October 9, 1998.

The Clinch Valley College Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:40 a.m., Friday, October 9, 1998, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Chair, presided. Champ Clark, Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present. Also present were Charles M. Caravati, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Henry L. Valentine, II, Benjamin P. A. Warthen, James C. Wheat, III and J. Michael Allen; as well as

John T. Casteen, III, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, L. Jay Lemons, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Peter W. Low, Robert W. Cantrell, Ms. Colette Capone, Robert D. Sweeney, William W. Harmon, Ms. Polley Ann McClure, and Ms. Jeanne F. Bailes.

Before asking Mr. Lemons, the Chancellor of Clinch Valley College, to present the Agenda, the Chair observed that a great deal of discussion has taken place, in Charlottesville as well as in Wise, on the proposal Mr. Lemons would present as the first item on the Agenda.

Mr. Lemons introduced a resolution proposing that the Clinch Valley College Advisory Council become the Clinch Valley College Board and that the enumerated Bylaws be adopted. He recounted some of the history of the Council, a body which has been in existence since Mr. Smiddy's Chancellorship. The Council meets periodically in the way that the Board of Visitors meets, and he discusses proposals with them before bringing them to the Board of Visitors for action.

Mr. Lemons noted that the new name of the Council and the proposed Bylaws will in no way change the relationship between the Council/Clinch Valley College Board and the Board of Visitors.

Mr. Goodwin said he supported the proposed resolution but that he thought the rights and responsibilities of the new Board ought to be listed in detail.

Mr. Wolfe said the naming of buildings at the College - which in the proposed Bylaws is given to the Clinch Valley College Board - ought to be retained by the Board of Visitors. He said, too, that he had concerns about the tenure of members of the new Board: Members of the Council seem to be members for life and there is a high rate of absenteeism at Council meetings.

There was considerable discussion of the points raised by Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Wolfe.

The Chair observed that the Clinch Valley College Board had to be given some responsibility and could not be merely a rubberstamping subsidiary of the Board of Visitors.

Mr. Goodwin proposed a resolution which would approve the concept of the Clinch Valley College Board; would state that initially the new Board would have no less than 50% new members; and that at some future meeting a more specific set of guidelines of the Clinch Valley College Board's responsibilities would be drawn up and presented to the Board of Visitors for approval.

After much further discussion, the Rector suggested that the Committee caucus within the next 24 hours and bring to the Board of Visitors, at the present meeting of the Board, a new resolution incorporating the concerns raised by Members. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Clinch Valley College, October 10, 1998, and the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors of the same date.)

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With that, and on motion, the Committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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