

January 30, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

Champ Clark, Chair  
J. Michael Allen  
T. Keister Greer  
Elsie Goodwyn Holland  
Elizabeth A. Twohy  
Walter F. Walker  
Joseph E. Wolfe  
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Charles M. Caravati, Jr.	Terence P. Ross
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.	Albert H. Small
William H. Goodwin, Jr.	Henry L. Valentine, II
Timothy B. Robertson	Benjamin P.A. Warthen
James C. Wheat, III	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

RE: Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational  
Policy Committee

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 12:10 p.m., Saturday, January 30, 1999, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Acting Chair, presided. J. Michael Allen, T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present. Also present were Charles M. Caravati, Jr., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Timothy P. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, Albert H. Small, and Benjamin P.A. Warthen; as well as John T. Casteen, III, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Richard Kast, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Peter W. Low, Robert W. Cantrell, Ms. Colette Capone, Robert D. Sweeney, William W.

Harmon, Ms. Polley Ann McClure, Gene D. Block, L. Jay Lemons, Ms. Sondra F. Stallard, Edward L. Ayers, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Acting Chair asked Mr. Low, Vice President and Provost, to present the Agenda.

The first two items on the Agenda, Mr. Low pointed out, were Consent items. Both had to do with the Bayly Museum, which for purposes of the resolutions at hand is referred to as the University of Virginia Museum of Art. The resolutions, entitled "Permanence of the University of Virginia Museum of Art," and "Governance of the University of Virginia Museum of Art," were being introduced as part of the University's efforts to secure national accreditation for the Museum.

On motion, the two resolutions were adopted and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors of January 30, 1999).

Mr. Low then introduced the Action item on the Agenda, the approval of the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree in the Division of Continuing Education. He reminded the Committee that the proposal, in somewhat different form, had been brought to the Board at its January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, January 9, 1999); the Board at that time had instructed him to change the name of the degree, to make certain that students in the degree program would be subject to the Honor System, and to insure that there be a form of quality control instituted for the program.

The Board at that same meeting had expressed concern over an ancillary question, that students transferring into the program - and indeed into any of the University's undergraduate degree programs - could complete the requirements for a degree with 54 hours of credit earned at the University. Board members felt strongly that students should earn at least 60 credit hours at the University. Mr. Low told the Committee that among public institutions in Virginia, only the College of William & Mary requires more hours (60) earned at the institution than the University. He said he was consulting with Deans and faculty groups and would talk also to the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia and with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the accrediting body

for the University. He will report back to the Board on this question at a later meeting.

The name proposed for the new degree is Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and a mechanism for quality control is written into the enabling resolution. Mr. Low asked Ms. Sondra Stallard, Dean of Continuing Education, to comment. Ms. Stallard did so and added that she is working with the Chair of the Honor Committee to insure that students in the new program will participate in the Honor System.

There were a number of questions about the Honor System from several Members, notably Mr. Ross, Mr. Warthen, Mr. Greer and Mrs. Holland. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Ross proposed an addition to the resolution to be worded as follows: "RESOLVED FURTHER, that all students enrolled in the BIS Degree Program shall enjoy the rights and the responsibilities of the Honor System."

The resolution, as amended, was adopted and recommended to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, January 30, 1999.)

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On motion, the Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

AGG:jb

- Copies to: Mr. John T. Casteen, III
- Mr. Paul J. Forch
- Dr. Robert W. Cantrell
- Mr. Peter W. Low
- Mr. Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr.
- Mr. Robert D. Sweeney
- Mr. Ernest H. Ern
- Mr. William W. Harmon
- Ms. Colette Capone
- Ms. Polley Ann McClure
- Mr. Gene D. Block
- Mr. Terry Holland
- Mr. L. Jay Lemons
- Ms. Louise Dudley