

May 15, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

T. Keister Greer
Champ Clark
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
Robert G. Schoenvogel
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 11:45 a.m., Saturday, May 15, 1999, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; T. Keister Greer, Chair, presided. Champ Clark, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Robert G. Schoenvogel, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Walter F. Walker, Joseph E. Wolfe, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present. Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, Albert H. Small, Henry L. Valentine, II, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, and James C. Wheat, III also were present; as were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul

J. Forch, Peter W. Low, Ms. Colette Sheehy Capone, Robert D. Sweeney, Ernest H. Ern, William W. Harmon, Gene D. Block, Melvyn P. Leffler, Ms. Marita P. McClymonds, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

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

The first two items, Mr. Low explained, were Consent resolutions. The first recommended the appointment of Ms. Sondra Stallard, Dean of Continuing Education, to the Distance Learning Committee established by the Governor under the terms of HB 1450, adopted by the 1999 Session of the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor in March.

The Committee adopted a resolution recommending the appointment of Ms. Stallard and recommended it to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, May 15, 1999.)

The second Consent item was the approval of the election of Mr. Thomas E. Donilon, and the reelection of Mrs. Betty E. Scripps Harvey and Mr. Clayton Wilhite to the Council of the White Burkett Miller Center for Public Affairs.

The Committee adopted a resolution approving the election of Mr. Donilon and the reelection of Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Wilhite to the Council of the White Burkett Miller Center for Public Affairs, and recommended it to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, May 15, 1999.)

Mr. Low then proposed a resolution approving the establishment of a Ph.D. program in Music in the McIntire Department of Music; he explained that the Board must approve the concept when then must be taken to the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia for approval. There is no doctoral program in Music in Virginia, though most states in the Southeast do offer such programs.

Mr. Leffler, Dean of Arts & Sciences, answered questions from Members about the proposed program.

The Committee adopted a resolution approving the establishment of a Ph.D. program in Music, and recommended it to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, May 15, 1999.)

Mr. Low reported that following questions raised by Board members in January (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, January 9, 1999) about the number of hours transfer students are expected to complete at the University, he has had conversations with the several Deans involved. As a result, transfer students now will be required to earn at least half of their credit hours here as a qualification for a Bachelor's degree.

The Chair and Mr. Low told the Committee the meeting Agenda was being cut short because of time constraints. Mr. Low explained that the Chairs of the four planning commissions were to have reported on their respective commissions' work; this report will be done instead at the October meeting of the Committee.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

AGG:jb

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