MEMORANDUM

TO:        The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Albert H. Small, Chair
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.
William H. Goodwin, Jr.
Terence P. Ross
Robert G. Schoenvogel
Benjamin P.A. Warthen
James C. Wheat, III
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Charles M. Caravati, Jr.      Elizabeth A. Twohy
Champ Clark                   Henry L. Valentine, II
T. Keister Greer              Walter F. Walker
Elsie Goodwyn Holland         Joseph E. Wolfe
Timothy B. Robertson          

FROM:      Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT:   Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee

The Chair asked Mr. Sandridge, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to present the Agenda.

The Consent Agenda consisted of two items: approval of the architectural design guidelines for the Fayerweather Hall renovation project, and approval to remove three buildings at the Vivarium.

The Fayerweather Hall project includes the complete renovation of the building, the demolition of its Annex and the construction of a small in-fill addition on the west side of the building. The selection of Dagit Saylor Architects for the project was approved on March 27, 1998, as part of the approval of that firm as the architects for the Carr’s Hill Arts Precinct.

Three small, vacant buildings – all in a ruinous state – at the University’s Vivarium on Route 20 in Albemarle County, south of Charlottesville, have no planned use and are deteriorating. The process has been initiated for State approval for the demolition of the buildings.

On motion, the Committee adopted two resolutions approving these items and recommended them to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, October 16, 1999).

Mr. Sandridge reported briefly on construction progress at Scott Stadium: the project is slightly ahead of schedule and there are no major problems.

The President then suggested the possibility of adding to the whole Stadium project by adding north wings to the seating area, which would increase seating by 1500. He explained that idea had been presented to him on the premise that the project would cost $7m now, while the rest of the project is in progress, as opposed to $30m later. If the work is approved, most of it can be done by the start of the 2000 football season and the rest by December of that year. The addition of the north wings would raise the total number of seats in the Stadium to 61,370 and the total cost of the entire Stadium project to $86m.

The President explained that the necessary $7m would come from private gifts and would take no money from other projects, including the proposed basketball arena. The project would require the approval of the Governor and various State agencies in Richmond.

Mr. Wheat said he agreed to the project with the understanding that the Committee at some point discuss the question of suites versus club seats in the north additions. Mr. Walker asked that there be a marketing study of this question.
Committee

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the additions, and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, October 16, 1999).

In the interest of time, the Chair, rather than reporting orally, referred Members to written reports of the Committee meetings of June 15th and September 23rd. (See Minutes of the meetings of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of those dates.)

The Chair asked Mr. Sandridge to report on the Darden School Expansion Project. Mr. Sandridge asked Mr. Anderson, Architect for the University, to lead the discussion. Mr. Anderson introduced representatives of the firms Ayers/Saint/Gross and the Glave Firm, who presented suggested changes to elements in the schematic design of the Darden School expansion project - the changes were in response to concerns raised by Members of the Committee at the Committee’s meeting on September 23rd. The concerns had to do with the location and detailing of the parking garage, the ground floor entrance to the Darden Center, the alignment of the bookstore entrance, and the number of exits for the residential wing of Sponsors Hall.

The changes proposed by the architects were approved by the Committee. Mr. Warthen, however, objected to the design of the middle arch of the ground floor entrance to the Darden Center - "I don't like it," he said - and the architects agreed to give further thought to it.

After referring the Committee to a variety of reports in material distributed previously to them, the Chair asked Ms. Twohy to present the proposed Pavilion Assignment Policy.

Ms. Twohy, as Chair of an ad-hoc committee - consisting as well of Mr. Clark and the Secretary - appointed by the Rector last spring, outlined the changes to the previous Policy that are suggested in the new Policy.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the new Pavilion Assignment Policy and recommended it to the full Board for approval. (See Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, October 15, 1999, both for the resolution and for the text of the Pavilion Assignment Policy.)
On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

AGG: jb
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