MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Mark J. Kington, Chair
Alan A. Diamonstein
Susan Y. Dorsey
W. Heywood Fralin
Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
Catherine S. Neale
Lewis F. Payne
Don R. Pippin
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

A. MacDonald Caputo        Glynn D. Key
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr. Warren M. Thompson
Georgia Willis Fauber       E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
                           John O. Wynne

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on Thursday, December 15, 2005

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2005 in the President’s Conference Room at Madison Hall. Because of the severe weather and very bad road conditions, most Members, including the Chair, participated by telephone.

Lewis F. Payne and Ms. Catherine S. Neale were present in person.

Participating by telephone were Mark J. Kington, Chair, Alan A. Diamonstein, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., and Don R. Pippin.
A. Macdonald Caputo also participated by telephone.

In addition to Ms. Neale and Mr. Payne, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Ms. Colette Sheehy, and David J. Neuman were present in the room.

The Chair asked Ms. Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget, to present the Agenda.

The first two items were Consent Agenda: approval of the selection of architects for the Hospital Bed Expansion Project, and a deed restriction on the recoupment room of the Special Materials Handling Facility on Observatory Hill.

HOSPITAL BED EXPANSION PROJECT – ARCHITECT SELECTION

The so-called Hospital Bed Expansion Project includes two elements: the renovation and addition of space within the University Hospital to provide up to 70 single patient rooms, and the replacement of the Hospital’s major internal engineering infrastructure systems. The budget for the Project has been set at $78million, of which $60million will be funded by bonds and $18million by hospital operating revenues.

The concept, site and design guidelines were approved by the Committee on September 16th.

Ms. Sheehy recommended the selection of SmithGroup MidAtlantic of Washington, in association with AHSC Architects PC, of Tarrytown, New York, and Atkinson Koven Feinberg Engineers, LLP, of Arlington for the project. Mr. Diamonstein asked how many firms bid on the project; Ms. Sheehy replied that ten had submitted bids.

The Committee voted to approve the following resolution, on which no action is required by the full Board; the resolution, however, will be reported to the Board at its next meeting as a matter of record:

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT SELECTION FOR THE HOSPITAL BED EXPANSION PROJECT

RESOLVED that the SmithGroup MidAtlantic, of Washington, D.C., in association with AHSC Architects PC, of Tarrytown, New York, and Atkinson Koven Feinberg Engineers, LLP of Arlington, is approved for the performance of architectural and engineering services for the Hospital Bed Expansion project.
RECOUPEMENT ROOM OF THE SPECIAL MATERIALS HANDLING FACILITY - DEED RESTRICTION

Until 1980, when it elected to close it out, the University held a Department of Environmental Quality permit allowing for hazardous waste storage and treatment at the Special Materials Handling Facility on Observatory Hill. As a result, only storage of hazardous waste – which will be transported to another site for treatment – is permitted. It has since been discovered that high concentrations of vanadium are present in the soil below the recoupment room of the Facility, and that to remedy the situation, the Facility would have to be demolished.

The Department of Environmental Quality will allow the University to restrict use of the recoupment room (which is Room 120) of the Facility to industrial use until the building can be demolished and the soil cleaned. This solution will allow the University’s Office of Environmental Health and Safety to continue to operate its hazardous waste disposal program from the Facility.

Ms. Sheehy proposed a resolution stating the necessary restrictions.

On motion, the Committee adopted the following resolution, on which no action by the full Board is necessary, but the resolution will be reported at the next Board meeting as a matter of record:

APPROVAL OF DEED RESTRICTION FOR RECOUPEMENT ROOM AND THE LAND DIRECTLY BELOW SUCH ROOM AT THE UNIVERSITY’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SPECIAL MATERIALS HANDLING FACILITY

RESOLVED that a deed restriction limiting the Recoupment Room (Room 120) of Environmental Health and Safety’s Special Materials Handling Facility, on Observatory Hill, as well as the land below it, to industrial usage is approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that appropriate officers of the University are authorized to execute said deed restriction.

REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

At the Chair’s request, Ms. Sheehy made her customary report on a miscellany of subjects. She noted the Governor’s support for higher education in his recent speech on the State Budget. The proposed Budget, which will be considered by the
General Assembly in the forthcoming Session, will include funds for the Cancer Center.

Ms. Sheehy also reminded the Committee of the recent $45 million Ivy Foundation gift for medical projects.

THE UNIVERSITY CEMETERY

Ms. Sheehy told the Committee that an expansion of the University of Virginia Cemetery is being planned, an expansion that will increase the size of the Cemetery by 41,149 square feet. This expansion will add 340 plots to the existing 1,097, along with 1,475 new columbarium vaults and 800 in-ground spaces for urns.

Mr. Sandridge added that a plot for former Presidents of the University also is under consideration.

REPORT BY THE ARCHITECT FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Neuman, the Architect for the University, gave brief reports on the South Lawn Project and on Health Systems planning. The architects for the South Lawn – MRY (Moore, Ruble, Yudell) are devising a plan which will include a terrace across Jefferson Park Avenue which will be wider than that in the last plan. The new plan will not require a lowering of Jefferson Park Avenue. Construction on the South Lawn Project is scheduled for 2007, with completion by 2010.

Mr. Neuman also gave a brief update on planning in the Health Systems area.

Mr. Pippin noted that Mr. Neuman had met with the Wise Board at their recent retreat to work on the Master Plan for the College.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors website.
http://www.virginia.edu/bov/buildingsgroundsminutes.html