

May 17, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Special Committee on Planning:

John O. Wynne, Chair
Susan Y. Dorsey
W. Heywood Fralin
Glynn D. Key
The Hon. Lewis F. Payne
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Daniel R. Abramson	G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.
A. Macdonald Caputo	Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein	Don R. Pippin
Georgia Willis Fauber	Warren M. Thompson
Anne Elizabeth Mullen	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Committee on
Planning on May 17, 2006

The Special Committee on Planning of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 8:05 a.m., on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in the Byrd Seminar Room at the Harrison Institute; John O. Wynne, Chair, presided.

W. Heywood Fralin, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Ms. Glynn D. Key, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., and Thomas F. Farrell, II, Rector, were present.

The Hon. Lewis F. Payne participated by telephone.

Also present were Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, and Ms. Anne Elizabeth Mullen.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Gene D. Block, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., R. Ariel Gomez, M.D., Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert D. Sweeney, Milton Adams, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

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Mr. Block, the Provost, presented the results of the External Analysis, which was a review of information on external assessments of the University presented to the Committee at its February and April meetings, together with an analysis of existing rankings to understand how the University can improve. There followed a discussion of some preliminary recommendations for action. These included increasing the number of smaller classes; increasing the alumni giving rate; accelerating the construction of research space; augmenting the numbers of National Academy members and Howard Hughes investigators; and bringing in outside consultants to review the status and plans for the sciences and engineering.

Mr. Block reminded the Committee that he had merged the six-year plan with existing goals from Virginia 2020 and strategic plans for the schools. He said he has worked with the Deans to revise this compilation into a draft plan. Several faculty groups are reviewing this document and their feedback should be available by the end of the month.

The resulting academic plan will then be reviewed and discussed at the Board Retreat in July. The Chair discussed plans for this consideration at the Retreat.

Mr. Sandridge led a discussion of what must be done by way of financial planning to pay for the strategic initiatives being considered by the Committee.

Finally, Mr. Sandridge reviewed progress to date on the Committee's work plan.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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