Repealing the Requirement that the Board of Visitors Annually Report on the University of Virginia’s Progress

The University seeks to repeal § 23-80 of the Code of Virginia which requires the Board of Visitors to report annually to the General Assembly on the progress of the University, its receipts and disbursements, and the salary of each professor, including fees received from students. This provision was established in 1919 and has not been amended to reflect additional reporting and auditing requirements that have been enacted since then, including, among other provisions, § 23-1.1 requiring annual reports of athletic receipts and disbursement; § 23-2.3 requiring an annual report on the use of student fees; § 23-9.9:01 requiring all public institutions of higher education to report on the expenditure of state funds; annual audits conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts pursuant to § 30-133; and additional requirements mandated by the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act and the University of Virginia’s Management Agreement with the Commonwealth. Not only is § 23-80 redundant, but there are no similar requirements for other public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth. The University, therefore, proposes that § 23-80 of the Code of Virginia be repealed.

Proposed legislation for the 2009 General Assembly Session must be sent to the Governor’s Office before the next regular Board of Visitors meeting in October, and is therefore being brought before the Board for consideration at this time.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors approves and endorses the proposed legislation to repeal the requirement that the Board of Visitors report annually on the progress of the University of Virginia.

The proposed legislation, which follows, would repeal § 23-80 of the Code of Virginia:


The board shall, before the first day of October, annually, deliver to the Comptroller a report to the General Assembly of the progress of the University, its receipts and disbursements during the year ending on the first day of July preceding, and the amount of salary received by each professor, including fees received from the students.