

**University of Virginia Board of Visitors  
Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise  
Goals 2006-2007**

- 1. Develop and implement public engagement strategies in PK-12 education, economic development, and health care through a University-College partnership in Southwest Virginia.** Discussions are underway regarding strategies that the University and the College can initiate to fulfill the restructuring requirements for outreach and service in rural Virginia. Submission deadline is November, 2006.
- 2. Continued improvement in the retention of minority students through increased student engagement.** The College's Quality Enhancement Plan includes a) Expedition 2006 – an extended orientation and welcome (two days prior to upper class students' move-in), with two sessions on campus diversity as well as an afternoon devoted to community service projects; and b) a two-semester, graded freshman liberal arts seminar that includes the common reading "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother" by James McBride. The book will also be distributed campus-wide and be the focus of several lectures and special events.
- 3. Increase the number of transfer students by a) expanding the Guaranteed Admissions Program with three primary feeder community colleges to the entire Virginia Community College System and Richard Bland College; b) creating concurrent admissions programs with primary feeder community colleges in nursing and management information systems; and c) instituting AIM Scholars program with Mountain Empire Community College and Scott County public schools.** Emphasized in the College's restructuring plan, these strategies will assist transfer students in a seamless transition to UVa-Wise, as well as potentially expand the pool of transfer students from outside far Southwest Virginia.
- 4. Acquire funds to conduct a feasibility study for a convocation center. (Continued from FY2006.)**
- 5. Support campaign kickoff and public phase of campaign.** The public phase of the campaign will kick-off on October 21, 2006, with the annual benefactors celebration, at which time the campaign goal will be announced. Campaign total as of 6/1/06 is \$21.1M. FY2006 gifts were \$10.4M, double the previous record of \$5.7M. Hunter Smith and Marcia Gilliam are serving as co-chairs of the campaign.