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.