MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

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FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Correction to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on Tuesday, May 25, 2004

The Minutes of the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of May 25, 2004, should be corrected as follows: on page 2, the resolution “Approval of Schematic Design for the Studio Art Building” does not go to the full Board of Visitors for approval. Actions of this sort may be approved by the Buildings and Grounds Committee without reference to the full Board.

The resolution will be entered on the Minute Book as part of the Minutes of the Board of Visitors meeting of June 12th, but as a matter of record and not as an action taken by the full Board.

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http://www.virginia.edu/bov/buildingsgroundsminutes.html
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FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on Tuesday, May 25, 2004

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 2:35 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2004, in the Kaleidoscope Center at Newcomb Hall; Mark J. Kington, Chair, presided. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Thomas F. Farrell, II, Lewis F. Payne, Terence P. Ross, Thomas A. Saunders, III, and Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Rector, were present.

James W. Head also was present.

Present as well were Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Alton A. Martin, Ms. Colette Sheehy, David J. Neuman, Robert P. Dillman, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.
The Chair asked Ms. Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget, to present the Agenda.

Ms. Sheehy, assisted by Mr. Neuman, Architect for the University, opened the meeting with a discussion of the Studio Arts Building, to be constructed on Carr's Hill adjacent to the Fiske Kimball Fine Arts Library. She reminded the Committee that the building is to be called Ruffin Hall and that a previous design, by the first architectural firm engaged for the project, was so unsatisfactory that it was abandoned. A new firm, Schwartz/Silver Architects, Inc., of Boston, was approved by the Committee at its meeting last May 23rd. Schwartz/Silver has prepared a schematic design and Mr. Neuman, with slides and elevations, presented this to the Committee.

There has been a complication in the project: it is currently budgeted at $12 million - $9 million in state funds and $3 million in private gifts. Because of delays of one sort or another, significant increases in the price of materials, foundation work and improvements in the design and building systems, and enhancements in landscaping, the budget is now estimated at $16.7 million.

After discussion, the Committee approved the schematic design prepared by Schwartz/Silver, and recommended it to the full Board for approval.

APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE STUDIO ART BUILDING

RESOLVED that the schematic design, dated May 25, 2004, and prepared by Schwartz/Silver Architects, Inc., of Boston, Massachusetts, for the Studio Art Building is approved for further development and construction.

In so doing, the Committee gave its approval contingent on additional funding being found.

Ms. Sheehy reported that the Fayerweather Hall renovation project has run into a somewhat similar problem, which is more urgent. The occupants of the building have been moved out and the project is scheduled to be started this summer - construction bids, as a matter of fact, must be awarded by June 4th. The project budget has been set at $5.4 million, to be funded by General Obligation Bonds. Three bids have been received for the construction, budgeted at $3.54 million, but the lowest is $5.2 million. The difference between the two figures is blamed on significant price increases in materials, mainly steel and
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cement, delays caused by the State, and the difficulties of
renovating a building which is deemed an historic structure. Ms.
Sheehy recommended that the budget be increased by $2.3million
and that additional funds be requested from the Commonwealth. If
public funds are not available, the increase would have to be
covered from Endowment income.

The Committee, on motion, approved the course of action
recommended by Ms. Sheehy and recommended it to the full Board
for approval.

INCREASE IN FAYERWEATHER HALL CONTRACT BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the project budget for the renovation of
Fayerweather Hall be increased from $5.4million to $7.7million.

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In response to concerns raised by Board Members and as a
result of 9/11, Ms. Sheehy, assisted by Mr. Dillman, reported on
various security measures being undertaken by the University.
These included security assessments and planning undertaken for
each new building, security assessments at the University’s
Central Heating Plant, and so forth.

Mr. Neuman reported on the Historic Preservation Master
Plan, currently being formulated by an Advisory Board. Buildings
at the University - both their exteriors and their interiors,
will be evaluated as to their present condition and then
classified as to their importance to the University: a
classification which leads to a level of priority for
preservation. Documentation and field inspection of all
buildings and landscapes constructed prior to 1965 will be done
this summer and “significance ratings” will be set in the fall.

Finally, Mr. Neuman reported on a series of planning
workshops that have been conducted by the Office of the
Architect. Workshops have been held this semester which will
lead toward the development of coherent framework plans to guide
future growth for the Grounds of the University and for the
Medical Center. These plans will take into account such things
as connections for vehicles, land acquisition, landscaping, entry
corridors and mutual cooperation with the City and the County.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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