UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
April 6, 2001
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, April 6, 2001
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda

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BACKGROUND: Currently, no M.A. degree in Digital Humanities is offered in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Master’s Degree in Digital Humanities provides students with the training to apply information technology to the intellectual content of the humanities. Further, it will provide experience in recognizing and articulating problems in humanities computing and working collaboratively to solve them, as well as providing hands-on experience in designing and creating digital media. Students who have completed this degree might go on to further graduate work, for example a Ph.D. in a traditional discipline of humanities, or they might elect to seek employment in publishing, communications, commerce, cultural institutions, or any of a number of other areas in which their skills and intellectual training would have immediate value.

DISCUSSION: The College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Media Studies Program, proposes to create an M.A. program. This proposal has been approved by the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Faculty Senate, and the Graduate Council. The program will be funded from existing resources held by the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors.

APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH THE M.A. DEGREE IN DIGITAL HUMANITIES IN THE MEDIA STUDIES PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

RESOLVED that, subject to approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Master of Arts Degree (M.A.) in Digital Humanities be established in the Media Studies Program in the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.
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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROJECT/PROPOSED BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION: Approve the Master of Arts Degree in Digital Humanities.

DESCRIPTION: The College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Media Studies Program, proposes to create an M.A. program. This proposal has received approval from the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Faculty Senate, and the Graduate Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact should be negligible. It is assumed that this program will attract thirty students and that thirty-five percent of them will be in-state. In addition, the analysis assumes that fifty percent of the graduate students pursuing this degree will pay the full tuition rate. Under these conditions the program shows a modest net gain. A change of ten percentage points in either of these two factors can be withstood before a deficit will result.

CONCLUSION: The Board should approve the new degree program.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION:

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Leonard W. Sandridge
April___, 2001
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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: April 6, 2001

COMMITTEE: Educational Policy

AGENDA ITEM: I.B. Election of Miller Center Council Member

BACKGROUND: By a recent unanimous vote, the Council of the White Burkett Miller Center of Public Affairs approved the nomination of Mr. Bob Woodward as a Council member, and recommends to the Board of Visitors that Mr. Woodward be elected to membership on the Council for a term of five years.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Woodward is an assistant managing editor of The Washington Post where he has worked since 1971. He has won nearly every American journalism prize. The Pulitzer Prize was given to The Washington Post in 1973 for the reporting of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein on the Watergate scandal.

Mr. Woodward is the only contemporary American writer to author or co-author eight number one national best-selling non-fiction books. The New York Times said, "Bob Woodward is the most famous investigative reporter in America."

Mr. Woodward graduated from Yale University in 1965 and served five years as a communications officer in the U.S. Navy before beginning his reporting career at the Montgomery County (Maryland) Sentinel where he was a reporter for one year before joining The Washington Post.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors.

APPROVAL OF MILLER CENTER COUNCIL MEMBER

RESOLVED that Mr. Bob Woodward be elected to the Council of the White Burkett Miller Center of Public Affairs, for a term of five years.
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COMMITTEE: Educational Policy
AGENDA ITEM: II.A. Vice President's Remarks

DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Provost will use this portion of the Educational Policy Committee to inform the Board of Visitors of recent events of which the Board should be made aware.

ACTION REQUIRED: None
DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Provost will introduce the Chair of the Faculty Senate, Ms. Patricia H. Werhane, who will give a report to the Board on the Senate’s accomplishments during the spring semester.

ACTION REQUIRED: None