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PROFESSORSHIP AND NAMING MEETING

Friday, June 9, 2006
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Dome Room, The Rotunda

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BOARD MEETING: June 9, 2006

COMMITTEE: Professorships and Naming

AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Establishment of Professorship: Approval to establish a Professorship in the School of Medicine

THE ROBERT M. BLIZZARD PROFESSORSHIP IN PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY

BACKGROUND: Dr. Robert M. Blizzard retired from the faculty of the School of Medicine in 1994. He was Professor of Pediatrics and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and during his twenty years at the University, he served as Director of the Children’s Medical Center and Director of the Clinical Research Center. His professional specialty is pediatric endocrinology, and at the University and at Johns Hopkins University, where he served before he came to Charlottesville, he achieved national recognition in his field.

With over 200 journal articles to his credit, Dr. Blizzard is known for his pioneering work in the treatment of growth disorders with human growth hormone, the auto-immune basis for diabetes, congenital hypothyroidism and Addison’s disease, and the role of psychosocial deprivation resulting in dwarfism. He has received numerous awards and he has been a consultant to the National Institutes of Health and the State Health Department in Richmond. He was co-founder and the first Director of the National Pituitary Agency, a subsidiary of NIH.

During his career at the University and at the Hopkins, he trained more than 50 fellows in pediatric endocrinology, many of whom have gone on to achieve great distinction in their field.

A number of Dr. Blizzard’s colleagues, friends and former students have contributed generously to a professorship in his honor. Genentech, Inc., a pharmaceutical company who supported Dr. Blizzard’s research and for whom he served as a clinical advisor, also has been a major contributor to the professorship. It is proposed that the chair be called the Robert M. Blizzard Professorship in Pediatric Endocrinology, and that it be held in the Department of Pediatrics in the Medical School.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Robert M. Blizzard Professorship in Pediatric Endocrinology.
ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROBERT M. BLIZZARD PROFESSORSHIP
IN PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Blizzard was a distinguished member of the faculty of the School of Medicine for twenty years and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, when he retired in 1994, Dr. Blizzard had trained more than 50 fellows in pediatric endocrinology, many of whom have become distinguished leaders in their field; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blizzard has received national recognition for his contributions to pediatric endocrinology and to endocrinology and metabolism, and was co-founder and the first Director of the National Pituitary Agency; and

WHEREAS, a number of Dr. Blizzard’s colleagues, friends and former students have contributed generously to a professorship in his honor;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Robert M. Blizzard Professorship in Pediatric Endocrinology, to be held in the Department of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine, thanks the contributors to this chair for their generosity, commends Dr. Blizzard for his distinguished professional contributions, and thanks him for his devoted service to the University and to his profession.
THE HUGH H. OBEAR 21ST CENTURY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN CLASSICS

BACKGROUND: Hugh H. Obear, who took his law degree from the University in 1906, and was a supporter of the University all his life, was a distinguished Washington lawyer and a President of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. He paid the tuition of his nephew, Henry Norwood Obear, who matriculated in the University in 1929.

Henry Obear, the nephew, was a member of St. Anthony Hall and Skull and Keys, and played football his first year; he took a degree in Commerce in 1933. Unable to attend law school because of the Depression, he read law privately and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1938. After service in the Navy during the Second World War, he returned to his native Winnsboro and practiced law there for many years. He served in the lower house of the South Carolina legislature for five years and on the South Carolina Highway Commission for two terms. He was a much beloved and respected citizen of his city and state.

Henry N. Obear died in 2003. He made a very generous bequest to the University for a chair in Classics, to be named in honor of his uncle and benefactor, Hugh H. Obear. It is to be called the Hugh H. Obear 21st Century Distinguished Professorship in Classics, and it will be held in the Department of Classics in the College.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Hugh H. Obear 21st Century Distinguished Professorship in Classics.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HUGH H. OBEAR 21ST CENTURY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN CLASSICS

WHEREAS, Hugh H. Obear took the LL.B. from the School of Law in 1906 and was for many years a distinguished lawyer in Washington, and at one time the President of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Hugh H. Obear paid the college tuition of his nephew, Henry Norwood Obear, thus enabling him to attend the University; and

WHEREAS, Henry Norwood Obear matriculated in the University in 1929 and took his degree in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Henry Obear read law in his native South Carolina and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar, after which he established a practice in Winnsboro; and

WHEREAS, Henry Obear was a beloved and distinguished citizen of his city and state; and

WHEREAS, Henry Norwood Obear died in 2003, leaving a generous bequest to the University for a professorship to be named in honor of his uncle and benefactor, Hugh H. Obear;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Hugh H. Obear 21st Century Distinguished Professorship in Classics, to be held in the Department of Classics in the College of Arts and Sciences. In so doing, the Board pays tribute to the memory of Henry Norwood Obear of South Carolina, whose generosity made this chair possible.
THE SHURE PROFESSORSHIP IN PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY

BACKGROUND: Randl and Allison Shure of Charlottesville have made a generous gift to establish a professorship in pediatric neurology. Their desperately ill son was treated at the University’s Children’s Hospital in 2002 and thanks to the care he received there, is doing well. In gratitude, the Shures (Mrs. Shure took a B.S. from the McIntire School in 1985) have taken an active role with the Children’s Hospital. They have pledged a significant gift to the new children’s outpatient building and Mr. Shure is Chair of the UVa Children’s Hospital Campaign. He is also a trustee of the UVa Health Foundation and a Member of the Medical Center Operating Board.

The chair given by the Shures is to be known as the Shure Professorship in Pediatric Neurology, and it will be held in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Shure Professorship in Pediatric Neurology.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHURE PROFESSORSHIP IN PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY

WHEREAS, Randl and Allison Shure of Charlottesville, in gratitude for the treatment their son received at the University’s Children’s Hospital, have made a generous gift for a chair in pediatric neurology; and

WHEREAS, the Shures have taken an active role not only with the Children’s Hospital but with the Health System in general, Mr. Shure serving as Chair of the Children’s Hospital Campaign, as a trustee of the University of Virginia Health Foundation, and as a Member of the Medical Center Operating Board;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Shure Professorship in Pediatric Neurology, to be held in the Department of Pediatrics of the School of Medicine. In so doing, the Board expresses its profound gratitude to Randl and Allison Shure not only for their generous gift which makes this chair possible, but for their leadership and support of the Children’s Hospital and the Health System as a whole.
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BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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AGENDA ITEM:         I.D. Change in the Name of a Professorship

THE JOSEPH WEINTRAUB–BANK OF AMERICA DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW

BACKGROUND: The Board of Visitors on October 5, 2000, established the Joseph Weintraub – Bank of America Professorship in Law. The original Memorandum of Agreement between the Weintraub family and the School of Law, which established the chair, was signed on June 30, 2000. In it, the family agreed to make further grants in support of the professorship. Once a total sum of $1 million was in hand, the Law School agreed to recommend to the Board that the chair be renamed the Joseph Weintraub–Bank of America Distinguished Professorship in Law.

As of the end of January of this year, the value of the total funds contributed amounts to $1,339,075.34.

Joseph Weintraub, a Georgian, attended both the College and the School of Law. He moved to Florida in 1926 and established a law practice in Miami, where he later founded the American Title Insurance Company, the Pan American Bank, Inc., and the Intercontinental Bank. The two banks years later were merged into Nationsbank Corporation, which in turn became part of the Bank of America Corporation.

Mr. Weintraub created the Joseph Weintraub Family Foundation, Inc. in 1949. He died in 1987.

His son, Michael, also an alumnus of the College and the Law School, is now Chairman of the Joseph Weintraub Family Foundation. The Foundation’s initial gift in 2000, and a substantial gift from the Bank of America Corporation, enabled the establishment of the professorship by the Board in October of that year. The Joseph Weintraub Family Foundation since then has made the annual contributions specified in the Memorandum of Agreement signed in 2000.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the renaming of the Joseph Weintraub–Bank of America Professorship in Law to the Joseph Weintraub–Bank of America Distinguished Professorship in Law.
ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors

CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE JOSEPH WEINTRAUB–BANK OF AMERICA PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW TO THE JOSEPH WEINTRAUB–BANK OF AMERICA DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors on October 5, 2000, established the Joseph Weintraub – Bank of America Professorship in Law, named principally for the late Joseph Weintraub of Miami, an alumnus of the College and of the School of Law; and

WHEREAS, gifts from the Joseph Weintraub Family Foundation and the Bank of America made possible the establishment of the chair; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2000, the Joseph Weintraub Family Foundation agreed to continue to deposit funds in the endowment supporting the Weintraub chair, with the understanding that when the market value of the endowment reached $1 million, the Law School would recommend to the Board of Visitors that the name of the chair be changed to the Joseph Weintraub – Bank of America Distinguished Professorship in Law; and

WHEREAS, The market value of the endowment is now comfortably in excess of $1 million;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors changes the name of the Joseph Weintraub – Bank of America Professorship in Law to the Joseph Weintraub – Bank of America Distinguished Professorship in Law. The Professorship will continue to be held in the School of Law; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board expresses its gratitude to Mr. Weintraub’s son, Michael Weintraub, himself an alumnus of both the College and the School of Law, who as Chairman of the Joseph Weintraub Family Foundation has continued the Foundation’s support of this professorship and of the Law School.
CARL H. AND MARTHA S. LINDNER CENTER FOR ART HISTORY

BACKGROUND: Blake Lindner of Cincinnati took a B.A. in Art History in 2004. Her experience in the Art History program here was so successful that her parents, Carl and Martha Lindner, who are strong supporters of the arts in Cincinnati, have made a generous and thoughtful gift to support teaching and research in Art History. Their gift will be used to establish an endowment to enhance faculty and student research programs.

The Chair of the Art Department has said that a major use of these funds will be for travel fellowships and language training for students going abroad. “There is no substitute,” he has declared, “for experiencing art first hand, and this requires visiting sites and collections in this country and overseas.”

In recognition of the Lindners’ generosity, the University has created the Carl H. and Martha S. Lindner Center for Art History as part of the McIntire Department of Art. The Lindner Center will not be an actual building, nor will it supersede Fayerweather Hall, the home of the Art Department, whose historic name will remain unchanged. A slate plaque marking the Lindner Center will be placed outside Fayerweather Hall, where Art History classes once more will be taught when the renovation of the building is completed later this summer.

The inscription on the plaque is to be as follows:

“Carl H. and Martha S. Lindner Center
For Art History
Established in 2004 by Carl H. and Martha S. Lindner
In honor of their daughter Blake Lindner
(B.A. in Art History 2004)”