PROFESSORSHIPS AND NAMINGS
MEETING
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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
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# PROFESSORSHIPS AND NAMINGS MEETING

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Dome Room, The Rotunda

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BACKGROUND: Daniel M. Meyers, who grew up on what Bostonians call the North Shore – which is the string of suburbs on the coast north of the city – made a gift of $22million to the Curry School in 2004. Mr. Meyers’ magnificent gift is the largest in the School’s history and the second largest gift to an American school of education. It will be used to construct a badly needed new building for the Curry School, adjacent to Ruffner Hall, the School’s present building (Members of a certain age will share the Secretary’s memory of the proposed building site as the location of the infamous “Ptomaine Tavern,” a World War II surplus mess hall that served as the dining hall for first year students during most of the 1950’s.).

Mr. Meyers, a firm supporter of higher education, gives credit to the late Anthony Bavaro as a person who helped form his educational beliefs. Mr. Bavaro was a close family friend of Mr. Meyers. He taught history for forty years in tough, inner-city schools in Malden and Chelsea, Massachusetts, adjacent to Boston, and he turned down many opportunities to become a school administrator because he felt he was most needed as a teacher in the classroom.

Mr. Meyers has asked that the new Curry School building be named for Mr. Bavaro. The University’s Names Committee and the President have approved his request.
APPROVING THE NAMING OF BAVARO HALL

WHEREAS, Daniel M. Meyers of Massachusetts, Chair of the Curry School of Education Foundation, has made a magnificent gift to the Curry School, the largest in the School’s history and the second largest to an American school of education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyers’ gift is an expression of his strong belief in the vital importance of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyers holds as a role model the late Anthony D. Bavaro, a dedicated and unselfish teacher who taught in inner city schools in the Boston area for forty years, and has suggested that the Curry School could find no better role model; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyers has requested that the new Curry School building, to be constructed adjacent to Ruffner Hall with his gift, be named in honor of Mr. Bavaro; and

WHEREAS, the President and the University Committee on Names have concurred in Mr. Meyers’ request;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors names the new Curry School building Bavaro Hall, thanks Mr. Meyers for his generous gift, and honors the memory of Mr. Anthony Bavaro for his dedication to education and for the example he set as a master teacher.
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPENCER P. BASS, M.D., TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY PROFESSORSHIP IN FAMILY MEDICINE IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

BACKGROUND: Spencer P. Bass matriculated in the University in 1902 from Tarboro, North Carolina. He was one of the early members of the Raven Society, which was founded in 1904, and President of his medical class – he took the M.D. in 1906. He returned to Tarboro where he practiced family medicine for the rest of his life. He was also an astute businessman and invested in, among other things, a small Tarboro insurance company that became Jefferson Pilot, and the Tarboro telephone company, which became Sprint (and now Embarq).

Dr. Bass’s son, Spencer P. Bass, Jr., did his undergraduate work at Chapel Hill and took his M.D. from the University in 1949. He did a residency in orthopaedic surgery but eventually left the practice of medicine.

Dr. Bass – that is, Dr. Bass, Jr. – made a substantial bequest to the School of Medicine and directed that part of his estate be used to establish a professorship in family medicine in memory of his father.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Spencer P. Bass, M.D., Twenty-First Century Professorship in Family Medicine in the School of Medicine.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
Establishment of the Spencer P. Bass, M.D., Twenty-First Century Professorship in Family Medicine in the School of Medicine

Whereas, Spencer P. Bass of Tarboro, North Carolina, took the M.D. from the University in 1906 and returned to Tarboro where he practiced family medicine for the rest of his life; and

Whereas, Dr. Bass was an outstanding student at the University, having been one of the early members of the Raven Society and President of his graduating medical class; and

Whereas, Dr. Bass’s son, Spencer P. Bass, Jr., took the M.D. from the University in 1949; and

Whereas, Dr. Spencer P. Bass, Jr. made an extremely generous bequest to the School of Medicine, part of it to be used to establish a chair in memory of his father;

Resolved, the Board of Visitors establishes the Spencer P. Bass, M.D., Twenty-First Century Professorship in Family Medicine, to be held in the Department of Family Medicine at the School of Medicine, and remembers with gratitude the contributions of the Doctors Bass, father and son, to the life of the University.
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AGENDA ITEM: II.B. Establishment of Professorship:
Approval to establish a Professorship in the School of Medicine

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEAN AND RONALD BUTCHER, M.D., EMINENT SCHOLARS PROFESSORSHIP IN NEUROLOGY IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

BACKGROUND: Dr. Ronald H.G. Butcher was born in England and received his basic medical education there. He and his wife, Jean Robertson Butcher, who was born in Scotland, emigrated to Canada in 1953, and a few years later to Virginia. Dr. Butcher was a faculty fellow at the University Hospital and trained there under the late Dr. T.R. Johns. Mrs. Butcher, who was trained as a teacher in Scotland, took a graduate degree in education from the University while her husband was here. The Butchers subsequently moved to Richmond where Dr. Butcher practiced psychiatry and taught at the Medical College of Virginia; Mrs. Butcher taught in the Hopewell public schools for many years.

Dr. Butcher died in 1989. Mrs. Butcher, who died earlier this year, contributed to the T.R. Johns Professorship in 1989 and made generous bequests for the establishment of two chairs in the School of Medicine, one in Neurology and the other in Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry. It is proposed that the chairs be named the Jean and Ronald Butcher, M.D., Eminent Scholars Professorship in Neurology, and the Jean and Ronald Butcher, M.D., Eminent Scholars Professorship in Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Jean and Ronald Butcher, M.D., Eminent Scholars Professorship in Neurology in the School of Medicine.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEAN AND RONALD BUTCHER, M.D.,
EMINENT SCHOLARS PROFESSORSHIP IN NEUROLOGY IN THE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

WHEREAS, Ronald H.G. Butcher, M.D., as a faculty fellow
trained under the late Dr. T.R. Johns of the School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jean Robertson Butcher took an M.A. in Education
while her husband was at the School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Butcher subsequently lived in Richmond
for many years where Dr. Butcher practiced psychiatry and was a
member of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia and Mrs.
Butcher taught in the Hopewell public schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Butcher died in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Butcher died in 2007, leaving generous bequests
to the School of Medicine for the establishment of two
professorships;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Jean and
Ronald Butcher, M.D., Eminent Scholars Professorship in Neurology,
to be held in the Department of Neurology at the School of
Medicine, and pays tribute to the memory of Mrs. Butcher and her
generosity and to Dr. Butcher's contributions to his profession.
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AGENDA ITEM: II.C. Establishment of Professorship:
Approval to establish a Professorship in
the School of Medicine

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEAN AND RONALD BUTCHER, M.D., EMINENT SCHOLARS PROFESSORSHIP IN BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE AND PSYCHIATRY IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Jean and Ronald Butcher, M.D., Eminent Scholars Professorship in Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry in the School of Medicine.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEAN AND RONALD BUTCHER, M.D.,
EMINENT SCHOLARS PROFESSORSHIP IN BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE
AND PSYCHIATRY IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

WHEREAS, Ronald H.G. Butcher, M.D., as a faculty fellow
trained under the late Dr. T.R. Johns of the School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jean Robertson Butcher took an M.A. in
Education while her husband was at the School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Butcher subsequently lived in
Richmond for many years where Dr. Butcher practiced psychiatry
and was a member of the faculty of the Medical College of
Virginia and Mrs. Butcher taught in the Hopewell public schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Butcher died in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Butcher died in 2007, leaving generous
bequests to the School of Medicine for the establishment of two
professorships;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Jean and
Ronald Butcher, M.D., Eminent Scholars Professorship in
Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry, to be held in the Department
of Psychiatric Medicine at the School of Medicine, and pays
tribute to the memory of Mrs. Butcher and her generosity and to
Dr. Butcher’s contributions to his profession.

PROFESSORSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE
AT WISE

Three proposed professorships at The University of
Virginia’s College at Wise are being brought to the Board of
Visitors for approval; all three were approved by the Wise
Board this past spring. Mr. Prior, the Chancellor at Wise,
will give brief descriptions of the chairs, and the President
will present the enabling resolutions to the Board of Visitors
for approval.
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AGENDA ITEM: III.A. and B. Kathleen Miller Strunk Professorship in Nursing and the Thurston H. Strunk Professorship in Nursing at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KATHLEEN MILLER STRUNK PROFESSORSHIP IN NURSING AND THE THURSTON H. STRUNK PROFESSORSHIP IN NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

BACKGROUND: Thurston H. Strunk and his wife, Kathleen Miller Strunk, of Abingdon, had a deep and abiding interest in the education of young people in Southwest Virginia and the adjacent regions of Kentucky. Their benefactions included Emory and Henry College and the University of Kentucky and, ultimately, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise.

Mr. Strunk died in 1980 and Mrs. Strunk, after a period of poor health, in 2004. Mrs. Strunk made a very generous bequest to The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, to be used for scholarships for students in Nursing, (at her direction, the scholarships are to be used for students from Southwest Virginia) and for two professorships, also in Nursing.

Mr. Charlie Jessee of Abingdon, a member of the Wise Board, was a friend of both Mr. and Mrs. Strunk and Mrs. Strunk’s lawyer. He had much to do with encouraging the gift.

It is proposed that one of the professorships be named for Mrs. Strunk and the other for Mr. Strunk.
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KATHLEEN MILLER STRUNK PROFESSORSHIP IN NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, Kathleen Miller Strunk had a longtime interest in the education of young people in Southwest Virginia and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Strunk died in 2004, leaving a generous bequest to The University of Virginia’s College at Wise for scholarships for students from Southwest Virginia in Nursing and for two professorships in Nursing;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Kathleen Miller Strunk Professorship in Nursing, to be held at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, and pays tribute to the memory of Mrs. Strunk and her commitment to higher education and to the people of Southwest Virginia.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THURSTON H. STRUNK PROFESSORSHIP IN NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, Thurston H. Strunk of Abingdon and his wife, Kathleen Miller Strunk, had a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of Southwest Virginia and its people, and particularly in higher education in the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strunk died in 1980 and Mrs. Strunk in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Strunk made a very generous bequest to The University of Virginia’s College at Wise for student scholarships in Nursing and for two professorships in Nursing;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Thurston H. Strunk Professorship in Nursing, to be held at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, pays tribute to the support Mr. and Mrs. Strunk gave to Southwest Virginia in so many ways, and to the generosity of Mrs. Strunk whose bequest has made possible the establishment of this chair.
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAPOLEON HILL PROFESSORSHIP IN BUSINESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA’S COLLEGE AT WISE

BACKGROUND: The late Napoleon Hill was a native of Wise County who attained national fame as an inspirational author and influential leader, and as an advisor to presidents. Before his death in 1970, Mr. Hill established the Napoleon Hill Foundation. The Foundation has long enjoyed a special relationship with The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, and its generous gifts have benefited the College in numerous ways: among the Foundation’s continuing benefactions are scholarships and a speakers series which has brought prominent national figures to the College.

In 2002, the Foundation established an endowment to be used for a professorship in business at the College. The accumulated funds in the endowment are now sufficient to support the professorship.

It is proposed that the chair be called the Napoleon Hill Professorship in Business.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAPOLEON HILL PROFESSORSHIP IN BUSINESS

WHEREAS, the late Napoleon Hill of Wise County was a national figure – an author and leader and advisor of presidents, but withal a citizen of his native county; and

WHEREAS, before his death in 1970, Mr. Hill established the Napoleon Hill Foundation, an organization that has had a particularly close relationship with The University of Virginia’s College at Wise; and
WHEREAS, in addition to its numerous benefactions to the College, the Foundation in 2002 established an endowment to be used for a professorship; and

WHEREAS, funds in the endowment are now sufficient to support the proposed professorship;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Napoleon Hill Professorship in Business, to be held at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, and expresses its gratitude to the Napoleon Hill Foundation for this latest of its many benefactions to the College.
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AGENDA ITEM: IV.A. Naming – McIntire School of Commerce

P. CARTER RISE FAMILY STUDY IN THE MCINTIRE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

BACKGROUND: Rouss Hall, on the southeastern corner of the Lawn, adjacent to Cabell Hall, is in the last stages of rebuilding as the new home of the McIntire School of Commerce (actually, McIntire was located here before it was moved to Monroe Hall some 30-odd years ago). A large addition, close to completion, to the rear of Rouss Hall will be part of the new facility.

A study area on the first floor of Rouss Hall is being named the P. Carter Rise Family Study in honor of P. Carter Rise (Commerce ‘82) and his wife, Louise L. Rise (College ‘82), who have pledged $100,000 for this purpose.

Mr. Rise, who grew up in Memphis and now lives in Richmond, is a founding partner of Scura, Rise & Partners (known as SRP), a private merchant bank with an office in New York as well as in Richmond.

Board action is not required on this naming, but it is being reported – and will be entered in the Minutes – as a matter of record.
Dr. Seymour I. Schwartz Map Room in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Background: As with the P. Carter Rise Family Study, Board action is not required on this naming, but it is being reported to the Board – and will be entered in the Minutes – as a matter of record.

Seymour I. Schwartz, M.D., of Pittsford, New York, is a surgeon of international repute. He was on the faculty of the University of Rochester for over fifty years, for eleven years as Chair of its Department of Surgery. He was the founding editor of the seminal surgical textbook, Schwartz's Principles of Surgery and the author of Surgical Diseases of the Liver, and Reflections, which is a book about the history and philosophy of surgery. He was editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American College of Surgeons for ten years.

Dr. Schwartz is well known, too, as a cartographic historian, and has published – among other works – The Mismapping of America, The Mapping of America (with Ralph E. Ehrenberg), and This Land is Your Land. His most recent book is Putting 'America' on the Map: The Story of the Most Important Graphic Document in the History of the United States.

Dr. Schwartz has made recent gifts to the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library and will leave his entire collection of maps as a bequest. There will be an exhibit of Dr. Schwartz's maps at the Library this winter; it will open on January 26th in celebration of his 80th birthday.

Dr. Schwartz's son, Kenneth A. Schwartz, suggested that his father consider the University for his collection; Ken Schwartz is Professor of Architecture and is known to Members not only as the immediate past Chair of the Faculty Senate, but also as the Consulting Member of the Educational Policy and External Affairs Committees, and of the Special Committee on Diversity.