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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE
COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 17, 2015
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Auditorium of the Albert & Shirley Small
Special Collections Library, Harrison Institute

Committee Members:
Barbara J. Fried, Co-chair
Bobbie G. Kilberg, Co-chair
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Joe Garofalo, Faculty Member
Daniel T. Judge, Student Member

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: September 17, 2015

COMMITTEE: Academic and Student Life Committee

AGENDA ITEM: I. Opening Remarks by Committee Co-Chairs

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The Committee Co-Chairs will provide an overview of the committee agenda.
Background: Dr. Karen Schulder Rheuban serves as Professor of Pediatrics, Senior Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education and External Affairs, and Director of the U.Va. Center for Telehealth. Twenty years ago, Dr. Rheuban was among a handful of visionaries who grasped the idea that advances in medical and telecommunications technology could give health professionals the ability to bridge the miles between patients and the care they need. Based on this idea, she co-founded the Center for Telehealth and its programs at the University of Virginia, to forge virtual communities dedicated to advancing ideas, healthcare practice, and public policy. Since that time, the Center has established a network of 152 sites in Virginia, conducting more than 48,000 encounters and sparing the burden of travel for patients amounting to over 16 million miles. The Center has received more than $16 million in grants and is engaged in research, policy development, professional and patient education, and remote monitoring. The Center also supports School of Medicine and School of Nursing global health outreach in Latin America, Africa, and the Caribbean.

Dr. Rheuban is listed as a “Best Doctors in America,” and she was profiled in the National Library of Medicine’s exhibit “Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians.” She served as president of the American Telemedicine Association, currently chairs the Virginia Telehealth Network Board, and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Virginia Board of Medical Assistance Services (Medicaid), which she also currently chairs.

Discussion: Through her leadership at U.Va. and with organizations around the globe, Dr. Rheuban has helped define a field that now touches thousands of lives each day by mobilizing physicians, community health professionals, and technologists to harness broadband and wireless technologies to deliver critical medical services to patients regardless of location. As a result of her leadership, the Center has received a number of
gifts to the University in Dr. Rheuban’s honor by donors impressed by her vision, commitment to our patients and their families, and desire to provide quality care throughout the Commonwealth and across the globe. In overcoming physical barriers to care, the physicians, nurses, and staff at U.Va. have contributed not only to the health of many thousands of people but also to the well-being of the communities in which they live by extending the latest medical care to those who live at the margins of the healthcare system. For all these reasons, including the fundamental and profound impact of Dr. Rheuban’s work, the University of Virginia Health System wishes to name the Center for Telehealth in honor of its founder, leader, and visionary.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Approval by the Academic and Student Life Committee and by the Board of Visitors

**NAMING OF THE KAREN S. RHEUBAN CENTER FOR TELEHEALTH**

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Schulder Rheuban serves as Professor of Pediatrics, Senior Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education and External Affairs, and Director of the University of Virginia Center for Telehealth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rheuban co-founded the University of Virginia Center for Telehealth and its programs based on the idea that advances in medical and telecommunications technology could give health professionals the ability to bridge the miles between patients and the care they need; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Center has established a network of 152 sites in Virginia and has conducted more than 48,000 encounters, sparing the burden of travel for patients amounting to over 16 million miles, and has positively impacted the well-being of communities at the margins of the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, through her renowned leadership at the University and with organizations around the globe, Dr. Rheuban has helped define a field that now touches thousands of lives each day;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors names the Center for Telehealth the Karen S. Rheuban Center for Telehealth.
BACKGROUND: The Ward K. Ensminger Distinguished Professorship in Geriatric Medicine was established by the University of Virginia Board of Visitors in 2000 with funding from the Ward K. Ensminger Charitable Trust. Upon retiring as vice president of Rand McNally and Company’s eastern operations in the late 1960s, Ward Ensminger and his wife, Elsie Stegman, a native Virginian, made their home in Charlottesville. Mr. Ensminger made provisions in his will to create a charitable trust in his name after his death, which occurred in 1987. Virginia G. Shepherd, a trustee of the Ensminger Trust, learned of the opportunity to create a geriatric professorship in Mr. Ensminger’s honor through her neighbor, Benjamin C. Sturgill, M.D. (Medicine 1960), a professor of pathology in the School of Medicine.

DISCUSSION: The chair, which resides in the Department of Medicine’s Division of General, Geriatric, Palliative Care, and Hospital Medicine, was occupied from 2000 to 2011. However, the chair has been vacant since January 1, 2012. In order to facilitate the recruitment of a new chair holder, the Department and the School of Medicine intend to expand the purpose of the professorship to include the areas of general medicine and palliative care, while continuing to give preference to a scholar specializing in geriatric medicine. To reflect this expansion of scope, the Department also proposes to rename the professorship the Ward K. Ensminger Distinguished Professorship in Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, and Palliative Care.

The Department is confident these modifications in the professorship’s scope and name will allow them to nominate an outstanding candidate for an endowed chair in a geriatric, general medicine, or palliative care role. The expansion of purpose would honor the spirit of the gift and respect the donor’s original scholarly intent, while enabling the Department to utilize the funds. This proposed change is consistent with
the terms of the original gift agreement executed between the University and the Ward K. Ensminger Charitable Trust.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Academic and Student Life Committee and by the Board of Visitors

RE NAMING THE WARD K. ENSMINGER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE THE WARD K. ENSMINGER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN MEDICINE, GERIATRIC MEDICINE, AND PALLIATIVE CARE

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2000, the Board of Visitors established the Ward K. Ensminger Distinguished Professorship in Geriatric Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the School of Medicine wishes to expand the purpose of the professorship to include the areas of general medicine and palliative care, while continuing to give preference to geriatric medicine, in order to facilitate the recruitment of chair holders; and

WHEREAS, these changes will allow the School of Medicine to utilize the funds and nominate an outstanding candidate in general medicine, palliative care, or geriatric medicine, while continuing to honor the spirit of the gift and the donor’s intent;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors renames the Ward K. Ensminger Distinguished Professorship in Geriatric Medicine the Ward K. Ensminger Distinguished Professorship in Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, and Palliative Care.
BACKGROUND: At the August 2015 retreat, the Board participated in a discussion on faculty quality, the first in a series of panel discussions on the broad topic of quality. The goal of these discussions is to inform the Board on how quality is judged in the academy, and to introduce the issues that arise in assessing it.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Sullivan will lead a discussion with Mr. Carl P. Zeithaml, Dean of the McIntire School of Commerce, and Mr. Robert C. Pianta, Dean of the Curry School of Education, on student post-graduation outcomes as a measure of quality. This discussion will provide the Board with an understanding of how student outcomes are measured, and how they drive the need for the best faculty to produce research and innovation in curriculum and student experience. The discussion will touch upon a range of student outcome metrics including first destination, or alumni surveys on career paths, and will guide the Board on how to review and evaluate institutional performance in this area.