MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

Elizabeth A. Twohy, Chair
John P. Ackerly, III
T. Keister Greer
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
Kristine L. LaLonde
Terence P. Ross
Walter F. Walker
Hovey S. Dabney, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Franklin K. Birckhead      William H. Goodwin, Jr.
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D.  C. Wilson McNeely, III
Champ Clark                 Albert H. Small
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.  Henry L. Valentine, II
James C. Wheat, III

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational Policy Committee on April 11, 1997

April 11, 1997

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 12:15 p.m., in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Chair, presided. John P. Ackerly, III, T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Charles F. Irons, Terence P. Ross, Walter F. Walker and Hovey S. Dabney, Rector, were present. Also present were Franklin K. Birckhead, Charles M. Caravati, Jr., Champ Clark, William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., C. Wilson McNeely, III, Albert H. Small, Henry L. Valentine, II, and James C. Wheat; as well as John T. Casteen, III, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Peter W. Low, Ms. Polley Ann McClure, Paul
The Chair asked Mr. Low, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Low asked Dr. Cantrell, Vice President and Provost for Health Sciences, to describe a proposed change in a degree program which will involve both the School of Medicine and Arts & Sciences. Dr. Cantrell explained that the existing Master of Science in Epidemiology is being renamed and the degree program expanded to become a Master of Science in Health Evaluation Sciences. There has been extensive faculty review of the proposal and the new degree will encompass a program that is not offered elsewhere in Virginia.

The Board must approve the new degree before the proposal is sent to the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia for approval.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the change in the degree program and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, April 12, 1997).

Mr. Low reported on the searches for three Deans: the McIntire School of Commerce, Arts & Sciences, and the Darden School. A Dean has been selected for the McIntire School and will assume his duties on July 1st. The Arts & Sciences search has been narrowed to five candidates, two of them internal and three from outside the University. The Darden search committee has begun work and external candidates from the short list should be visiting the University in the early fall. Mr. C. Ray Smith, a member of the Darden faculty for many years, has agreed to serve as Interim Dean beginning July 1st when Mr. Higdon leaves.

Mr. Low asked Ms. Polley Ann McClure, Vice President for Information Technologies and Communication, to report on the Internet 2 Project and the University's involvement in it.
Ms. McClure introduced Mr. Jim Jokl, Director of Communications and Systems in her office, and asked him to demonstrate some applications of Internet 2 technology. Mr. Jokl showed how both visual and voice contact can be made, using faculty in the Department of Radiology at the Medical School and the Department of Computer Science in the School of Engineering as examples.

The Chair interrupted Ms. McClure's presentation to welcome and introduce a delegation from the Alumni Association: Mr. Roby Robinson, Jr., President; Mr. Richard J. Poulson, the immediate past President; Mr. A. Macdonald Caputo, the President-elect; and Mr. John B. Syer, Jr., Director. Mr. Robinson spoke of the useful and mutually advantageous partnership between the University and the Alumni Association, and the Alumni Association's particular concern for the strength and well-being of the faculty. He then announced the intent of the Alumni Association to give $1m to the University for supplements to faculty salaries and merit bonuses. The gift, he said, is a pledge to be paid in September or October.

The Chair thanked Mr. Robinson and his colleagues and asked the President to read a resolution of appreciation.

On motion, the Committee adopted the resolution of appreciation and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, April 12, 1997).

The President spoke briefly about the contributions the Alumni Association has made to the University over the years, noting the significance of its founding in 1838 at the suggestion of the faculty, and its partnership with the University in so many endeavors.

The Rector added his thanks to those of the Chair and the President.

Ms. McClure resumed her presentation. Internet 2, which is a national undertaking, was established to aid research. There were 35 universities as charter members; there are now 106. She noted that from the University's point of view, the biggest problem is in upgrading the
University's computer infrastructure to take advantage of what Internet 2 has to offer. She told the Committee she sees three issues in this regard: how should we position ourselves - as leading edge, middle of the pack, laggard? How should we pay for such large investments in technology? How aggressively should we exploit the "distance education potential" provided by new infrastructure such as Internet 2?

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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