March 27, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Clinch Valley College Committee:

Champ Clark, Chair
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.
T. Keister Greer
James C. Wheat, III
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Charles M. Caravati, Jr. M.D.  Elizabeth A. Twohy
William H. Goodwin, Jr.  Henry L. Valentine, II
Elsie Goodwyn Holland  Walter F. Walker
Timothy B. Robertson  Benjamin P.A. Warthen
Terence P. Ross  Joseph E. Wolfe
Albert H. Small  Kristine L. LaLonde

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Clinch Valley College
Committee on March 27, 1998

The Clinch Valley College Committee of the Board of
Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session,
at 2:40 p.m., Friday, March 27, 1998, in the East Oval Room
of the Rotunda; Champ Clark, Chair, presided. William G.
Crutchfield, Jr., T. Keister Greer, James C. Wheat, III, and
John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present. Also present were
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Mrs. Elsie
Goodwyn Holland, Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, Albert
H. Small, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Henry L. Valentine, II,
Walter F. Walker, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, Joseph E. Wolfe, and
Ms. Kristine L. LaLonde; as well as John T. Casteen, III,
Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Leonard W.
Sandridge, Jr., L. Jay Lemons, Ernest H. Ern, Robert D.
Sweeney, William W. Harmon, Ms. Polley Ann McClure, Don E.
Detmer, Ms. Betty Johnson, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.
The Chair asked Mr. Lemons, Chancellor of Clinch Valley College, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Lemons reminded the Committee that it, along the Clinch Valley College Advisory Council and the Clinch Valley College Faculty Senate, last fall approved a set of strategic directions for the College. To wit: enhancing academic life; increasing enrollment; improving the College’s plant; strengthening relationships with the College’s key constituents; strengthening the sense of community on the College’s campus; and improving the visibility of the College.

These objectives are being discussed and work will be done this summer on a document which will be used for general discussion at the College this fall. A completed document will be brought to the Board of Visitors for approval at either the October or the January meeting.

Mr. Lemons mentioned briefly the importance of the role of the Clinch Valley College Advisory Council and said that changes in the by-laws of the Council are being discussed. These suggested changes, which would reflect the increasingly active role of the Council, will be brought to the Board for approval at the May meeting. Several Members suggested that the by-laws be amended to give the Council as much authority as can be allowed by statute.

In response to questions from Members, Mr. Lemons said work is proceeding on the new football stadium and the field should be ready for at least some of the College’s home games in the fall.

Mr. Lemons then introduced Ms. Betty Johnson, Chair of the Nursing Program at the College. He explained that over the last seven years, the College has undertaken a number of efforts to improve health care in Southwest Virginia. Ms. Johnson went to Clinch Valley from the University’s School of Nursing in 1991 to begin work on a possible Bachelor’s program at the College. The State Council for Higher Education approved the program in 1993 and the General Assembly that same year made an appropriation for its support. The first students matriculated in the fall of that year.

The first five students took their degrees in 1995; there are now 25 graduates, about a third of whom are currently in graduate nursing programs at other institutions. All who are not in graduate programs are living in the region and all but
one are working as nurses. There are currently 65 students in the program.

Ms. Johnson then described some of the things alumni, faculty and students are doing in Southwest Virginia.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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