June 13, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Files
FROM: Sandy Gilliam

All members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, save Messrs. Small and Wheat, attended the meeting of the Committee held on June 13th, 1997.

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TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Albert H. Small, Chair
Champ Clark
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.
William H. Goodwin, Jr.
Kristine L. LaLonde
James C. Wheat, III
Hovey S. Dabney, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

John P. Ackerly, III C. Wilson McNeely, III
Franklin K. Birckhead Terence P. Ross
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D. Elizabeth A. Twohy
T. Keister Greer Henry L. Valentine, I
Elsie Goodwyn Holland Walter F. Walker

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on June 13, 1997

The Acting Chair asked Ms. Capone, Vice President for Management and Budget, to present the Agenda.

Referring to the printed Agenda distributed previously to the members of the Committee, Ms. Capone asked that Item E, University Representative to the Art and Architectural Review Board, be removed from the Consent Agenda and reserved instead for discussion as an Action Item.

Ms. Capone presented four resolutions authorizing easements: Health Sciences Center Parking Garage for 600 Vehicles (Virginia Power); Health Sciences Center Parking Garage for 600 Vehicles (City of Charlottesville); Chancellor Street-University Avenue Intersection (City of Charlottesville Gas Division); and Fan Mountain (CFW Wireless).

She also proposed resolutions revising two policies, which the Ad-Hoc Committee on Policy Reform had suggested be studied by the Buildings and Grounds Committee with an eye toward revision. The policies in question were Procedure for Involvement by the Buildings and Grounds Committee in Design Review of Capital Projects and the second was the Rotunda Use Policy. On the latter, Mr. Ross noted there was no provision in the proposed new Policy to cover amplification of music in the Rotunda; he observed that this is a matter usually covered in policies governing the use of historic buildings. Mr. Sandridge replied that he thought amplification of music in the Rotunda is covered by other University policies. Mr. Birckhead asked if classes are taught in the Rotunda and the President noted there is no provision in the proposed Policy for a mechanism to cover appeals or considerations of questions of specific use of space in the Rotunda.

After discussion, it was decided to leave the proposed Rotunda Use Policy unchanged, with the possibility of amending it at the November Board meeting.

On motion, the Consent Agenda items proposed by Ms. Capone were approved and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, dated June 14, 1997).

Ms. Capone returned to Item E, the resolution nominating a representative to the state Art and Architectural Review Board.
The Board consists of five citizen members appointed by the Governor. The Code of Virginia specifies that one of these members come from a list of persons nominated by the University of Virginia. As the resolution in Item E was written originally, only one person was nominated. Mr. Ackerly pointed out that the Code specifies more than one nominee. It was decided, therefore, to rewrite the resolution to include two names, Judith A. Kinnard, Associate Professor in the School of Architecture, and Craig Barton, Assistant Professor in the School.

The Committee approved the revised resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 14, 1997).

Ms. Capone next asked the Committee to consider the several Action Items on the Agenda.

At Ms. Capone’s request, Mr. Anderson, Architect for the University, led a discussion of the preliminary design for the renovation and development of the Health Sciences Library basement. After giving a brief description of the project, Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Adam Gross of Ayers/Saint/Gross, the Baltimore firm chosen by the Board last year to design the renovation, to review the architectural plans. Noting that the project is almost entirely internal, Mr. Gross told the Committee there are three primary aims for the project: to improve the overall appearance of the building, to improve internal circulation, and to improve the overall efficiency of the different units of the Library.

Using slides and drawings, Mr. Gross described the project.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the preliminary design for the Health Sciences Library Basement Development and Renovation, and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 14, 1997).

Mr. Anderson gave a brief overview of the next project under consideration, renovations and an addition to the Elson Student Health Center. He then introduced the architect, Mr. Phillip Tobey, of the firm Tobey + Davis of Reston. Mr. Tobey noted that project will include an addition of about 13,000 square feet, some modifications of the exterior of the building, and some renovations of the interior. He showed the Committee slides, drawings and elevations of the project.
Mr. Anderson commented that the state Art and Architectural Review Board had approved the plans the previous week.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the schematic and preliminary design of the Student Health Center Addition and Renovations project, and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 14, 1997).

Ms. Capone commented that the next project, the addition to Campbell Hall, is unique in several aspects: it is being paid for entirely with private gifts; it will be a laboratory for some of the ideas of sustainability propounded by Dean McDonough and its design will incorporate these ideas; and there has been a substantial involvement on the part of students and faculty in the School of Architecture in the design process. Mr. Anderson gave a brief overview of the project in the context of its surroundings; he then introduced Mr. Stephen Holl of the firm Stephen Holl Architects of New York.

Mr. Holl described the project in detail, using slides, drawings and elevations. The building, he said, is a model of sustainability. There was considerable discussion of the project.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the schematic design for the Campbell Hall Addition and recommended it to the full Board for approval.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the schematic design for the Campbell Hall Addition as illustrated on drawings titled:

1. Landscape Schematic Plan
2. Mechanical Level
3. Courtyard Entry Level
4. Café Entry Level
5. Arcade Entry Level

The Committee subsequently changed the resolution to read as follows, and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 14, 1997):
RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors will continue consideration of the schematic design for the Campbell Hall Addition with an eye toward developing its visual compatibility with the University's Jeffersonian architecture. The Architect for the University will review the progress with the Buildings and Grounds Committee before the Board acts on the proposal to proceed with design development.

Finally, Ms. Capone introduced a discussion of the proposed Biomedical Engineering and Medical Science Building. Mr. Anderson told the Committee that thirty firms submitted letters of interest and that the committee charged with selecting an architectural firm had selected Henningson, Durham and Richardson of Alexandria.

On motion, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the selection of Henningson, Durham and Richardson, and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, June 14, 1997).

Ms. Capone reported on developments since the last meeting of the Committee (see Minutes of the meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, May 21, 1997) with regard to the collapsed gallery on Pavilion I. The entire gallery has been removed and stored. In so doing, the three remaining iron support rods had to be removed; they were found to be perfectly sound, with no sign of deterioration. The other five Pavilion galleries which are supported in the same manner as the gallery of Pavilion I have been shored up and are being inspected. A few pieces of lumber in the latter have deteriorated and must be replaced.

Meanwhile, investigations are under way to determine the best possible material to be used to refabricate the supporting rods. A way, too, will have to be devised to allow regular inspection of these.

Next, Ms. Capone introduced Mr. Howard, Curator for the Academical Village. Using slides, Mr. Howard gave a brief report on the Rotunda: the roof of the dome; plans for new interpretive exhibits to be installed in the Lower East Oval Room; reworking the entrance to the Rotunda; and installing proper sealants under the pavements of the Rotunda terraces.
On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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