

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

HELD ON JANUARY 9, 1969

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on the 9th day of January, 1969 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon in the Board Room of Sanger Hall, Health Sciences Division of the University in the City of Richmond, Virginia, pursuant to due notice.

Present were all of the members of the Board of Visitors except Mrs. Charles G. Thalhimer.

Present by invitation were Mr. Wygal, Executive Administrator, Messrs. Brooke, Holmes, Whitesell, Burgart, Fleshood, Thomas, Renneisen and Coppedge from the General Academic Division, and Messrs. Heil, Crooks and Nelson from the Health Sciences Division. Present also were Mrs. Hodges, Secretary to the Executive Director.

Mr. Dabney served as Chairman of the meeting and Mr. Brent as Secretary thereof.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on November 21, 1968 were approved in the form distributed to all of the members of the Board.

Dean Whitesell thereupon presented a report dated January 9, 1969 with respect to the School of Arts and Sciences updating his previous report of May 14, 1968 which was generally discussed, with Dr. Whitesell being complimented on the progress being made. Thereupon, Dean Burgart of the School of Art presented

his report dated January 9, 1969 which was likewise well received by the Board.

Turning to the Agenda, Mr. Coleman McGehee, Chairman of the Property Committee, with the assistance of Dr. Arnold Fleshood, Dean of the School of Education and Messrs. McElroy and Parris, Architects, then displayed and explained the plans for the proposed School of Education Building to be built on the General Academic campus. The Property Committee recommended that the Board of Visitors approve the proposed plans subject to the approval of the State Art Commission which recommendation, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, was approved.

The Chairman then called on Dr. Thomas, Chairman of the Psychology Department, who presented and reviewed a detailed memorandum with respect to a proposed program leading to the awarding of a Ph.D. Degree in General Psychology. Various questions which were propounded in connection therewith were answered after which, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the proposed program was approved with the Administration being authorized to forward the proposed program to the State Council on Higher Education for consideration.

The Executive Administrator thereupon presented a report with respect to the Virginia Institute for Scientific Research, observing that such action as was required in connection with his report had been recently taken by the Executive Committee. He continued and explained the status of the long range study, no action being required in this connection.

In concluding his report, Mr. Wygal then stated that the Provost of the General Academic Division and the Health Sciences Division joined with him in suggesting that separate commencement exercises be held by the two Divisions of the University in 1969 and 1970 primarily due to the lack of facilities to accommodate both ceremonies at the same time. Hopefully, he said, in 1971 the new Richmond Coliseum would be available. He also stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the suggestion be approved by the Board of Visitors and after a discussion thereof, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, separate commencement exercises for the years 1969 and 1970 were approved.

Colonel Heil then reported on behalf of the Health Sciences Division and stated that various faculty matters as well as gifts and grants for November had been considered and approved by the Executive Committee and that information in connection therewith had been distributed to all of the Visitors.

Colonel Heil then presented Dr. Kinloch Nelson, Dean of the School of Medicine, who presented a report with respect to admissions and enrollment which was reviewed with interest by the Board of Visitors, no action in connection therewith being required.

Moving to the next item on the Agenda, The Chairman asked Dr. Brooke to present the report of the General Academic Division. Dr. Brooke then explained that various faculty matters had been approved by the Executive Committee and information with respect thereto distributed to the Visitors. He also stated that faculty salary ranges and administrative supplements as proposed

by him had been considered by the Executive Committee and approval thereof was recommended. The matter was then developed in some detail by Dr. Brooke with the assistance of Mr. Crooks, after which on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the proposed salary ranges and administrative supplements were approved subject to approval by the State Division of Personnel.

Mr. Holmes of the General Academic Division then presented a general report with respect to the affairs of his office which required no action.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch following which Representatives of the firm of Schechter & Luth, Inc. made a visual presentation to the Board of various designs which would not only be used by the University in its seal but would also be adapted to various other visual presentations intended to convey the image of the University. One design was tentatively approved with some change being suggested, with an additional presentation to be made on January 24, 1969.

Thereupon, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting went into Executive session, after which Mr. Wayne explained that while the Screening Committee had continued to interview nominees for the position of President, a recommendation could not be made at this time but that he was most hopeful that when the Board meets on January 24, 1969, the Committee will be in a position to present a nominee with a recommendation that he be selected.

Mr. Dabney then read to the meeting a letter received

from Dr. R. Blackwell Smith dated January 8, 1969 in which he tendered his resignation as Provost, Health Sciences Division, effective July 1, 1969 "or as soon as an appropriate successor can be appointed and take office." On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the resignation of Dr. Smith was accepted with regret, such resignation to be effective at the time set forth in Dr. Smith's letter.

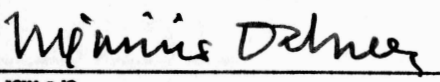
Mr. Dabney then proceeded and read a recommendation from Dr. Paul S. Larson, Head of the Department of Pharmacology, stating that Dr. Smith's present appointment as Professor of Pharmacology would terminate June 30, 1970 and that it was his desire to extend the appointment for six years beyond that date, granting to him the salary of a full Professor, beginning July 1, 1969, or on whatever other date his resignation as Provost becomes effective. The recommendation of Dr. Paul S. Larson was thereupon, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, approved and authorized.

It was then determined that a special meeting of the Board would be held on January 24, 1969, no further notice thereof being required.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, adjourned.


Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES
of
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

PURPOSES

Virginia Commonwealth University shall endeavor to provide an educational environment nurturing and stimulating teaching, research and service. Sensitive to the needs of urban life in the Commonwealth, it will strive to promote the pursuit of knowledge and the dissemination of professional skills.

OBJECTIVES

1. To identify and anticipate urban problems; to advance experimentation and open-ended attitudes in their solution through appropriate research, and to develop the university as a planning and resource center for urban living.
2. To commit itself to creative and varied programs of teaching, research, and consultation, contributing to the improvement of the quality of life within urban communities.
3. To promote and develop programs of continuing and graduate education relevant to contemporary society.
4. To provide an educational climate which will stimulate in the student a lifelong commitment to learning and service; which will develop competence and motivation to work toward the realization of individual and community potentials; and which will set for the student an example of excellence.
5. To develop and maintain an environment of educational excellence that will attract and motivate faculty to pursue their work in accordance with the highest educational standards.

6. To recognize the imaginative power of the arts and humanities in reflecting the problems and aspirations of society and of the human condition; to acknowledge the role of the arts in changing behavior, and to provide opportunities throughout the University and the Commonwealth to maximize their relevance, both individually in the self-realization of the student, and publicly, in exhibition and performance.

7. To complement existing institutions of higher learning by providing programs of a uniquely urban character, thus enhancing the educational opportunities of the Commonwealth.
