

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF  
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 1969

A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on the 27th day of February, 1969 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at No. 910 West Franklin Street in the City of Richmond, Virginia pursuant to due notice.

Present were all of the members of the Board.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Fred O. Wygal, Executive Administrator; Dr. Warren W. Brandt, President-elect; Messrs. Heil, Crooks, Watts and Lyons of the Medical Center, and Messrs. Brooke, Mapp, Lodge and Edwards of the Academic Center, and Mrs. Edna F. Hodges.

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

The Rector then stated that as Dr. Brooke would have to leave the meeting early, he would depart from the prepared Agenda and begin with Item 4, the Report of the Academic Center. He then called on Dr. Brooke.

Dr. Brooke thereupon introduced Dr. Richard Lodge who presented a Report with respect to the School of Social Work, and Mr. John A. Mapp who presented a Report in connection with the Evening School.

Dr. Brooke then referred to the memorandum concerning faculty matters dated February 20, 1969 and stated that the memorandum had been approved by the Executive Committee but that

it had been necessary to make one correction thereto. This, he said, related to the appointment of Charles Itzkovitz, Assistant Professor of Social Work, who has an effective date of appointment of July 1, 1969 for 12 months with a salary of \$11,520 instead of September 1, 1969 for 10 months. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the faculty memorandum approved by the Executive Committee as corrected was ratified, affirmed and approved.

Dr. Brooke then explained that because of the pressure of time, it would be desirable to mail employment contracts to all members of the faculty of the Academic Division promptly but with the clear understanding that such contracts would be subject to the approval of the Board. He explained that the material in connection therewith was not ready for presentation at this time. It was unanimously agreed that it would be proper for Dr. Brooke to proceed in the indicated manner with the understanding that the employment of faculty would be brought to the next meeting of the Board for consideration and action.

In concluding his report, Dr. Brooke stated that faculty salary ranges and administrative supplements were being reviewed and worked out with Dr. Brandt and that the recommendations heretofore brought to the Board might be modified.

Proceeding with the regular order of the Agenda, Mr. Wygal then referred to his written report and submitted by title for the information of the Visitors that portion thereof relating to the Comprehensive Planning Study of the University.

He then turned to the proposed Plan for merging the two Schools of Nursing which was discussed in detail and after which on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the matter was carried forward to the next meeting with the request that in the meantime, Dr. Brandt review the proposal in order that he might submit a recommendation with respect thereto to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Wygal then reviewed that portion of his report relating to the Proposal for Awarding Honorary Degrees and after consideration thereof, the granting of Honorary Degrees was approved in principle with the Administration being requested to appoint a Committee including a representative of the Board of Visitors to develop policy and guidelines in the granting of such Degrees, such policy and guidelines to be submitted to the Board of Visitors for approval.

In concluding his Report, Mr. Wygan then presented by title for the information of the Board a "Report of Out of State Students with Tuition Grants Provided by their Respective State Governments", the "Status of Negotiations between VISR and VCU", and the "Progress Report of the Identification Implementation Committee."

In connection with the VISR matter, Mr. Wygal stated that it appeared highly desirable for one member of the Board to be appointed to work with a counterpart from the Board of the Institute in order that the arrangement between the two Institutions might be formalized. In connection with the

Identification Implementation Committee, Mr. Wygal stated that Mr. Brent had been asked to determine what action would have to be taken to protect the Identification Symbol and Seal of the University.

Thereupon, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting went into Executive Session.

On behalf of the Property Committee Mr. McGehee thereupon reported that the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company had inquired as to whether the University would be interested in Universal constructing a dormitory on approximately 4.4 acres of land owned by it on the east side of Belvedere Street between the State Penitentiary and the War Memorial with a view to the same being leased to the University. After a discussion thereof, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the proposal was referred to the Administration for investigation and recommendation to the Committee with Board action to follow if necessary.

Mr. McGehee then stated that the plans for the proposed Education Building had not been approved by the State Art Commission because the University did not have available a Master Site Plan. The need for such Plan was generally discussed, after which on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Master Planning Committee was asked to re-examine the matter in cooperation with the Administration and to move ahead as quickly as possible in arranging for a Master Site Plan to be developed.

With further reference to the report of the Property



Committee, Mr. Crooks then reminded the Board that the American Tobacco Company had offered to sell its research laboratory property at Maury Street and Petersburg Pike, with a value of approximately \$1,000,000, to the University for \$250,000. As the matter had not been fully developed, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, action in connection therewith was deferred and the proposal was carried forward to the next meeting in order that the desirability of the University acquiring the property might be more fully explored.

With further reference to the Property Report, Mr. McGehee stated that the Administration proposed that Lee, King and Poole be appointed as Architects for the construction of the dormitory to be located in the block bounded by Main, Laurel, Cary and Pine Streets. He stated that the Administration also desired permission to file application for the maximum loan available from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for construction of the dormitory which would amount to approximately \$2,580,000. He stated that both proposals met with the approval of the Property Committee and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the appointment of Lee, King and Poole as Architects for the proposed dormitory and the application for the maximum loan available from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in connection with the construction thereof were both authorized and approved.

Additional discussion then followed with respect to the Master Site Plan, the observation being made that it was important for all of the buildings being constructed by the

University to be related to an overall plan in functional as well as aesthetic respects.

Continuing with the Property Committee Report, Mr. McGehee stated that it was proposed that Rhoads Hall be air conditioned at a cost of approximately \$100,000. He explained that the building had been designed to accommodate air conditioning but that the additional money was needed to complete the work in this respect. Thereupon, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, air conditioning of Rhoads Hall at a cost of approximately \$100,000 was authorized with the necessary funds to be borrowed from the Campus Development Fund and repaid without interest at the rate of \$20,000 per year from the additional income which will result from the air conditioning of the building.

Thereupon, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following dormitory charge schedule recommended by the Property Committee was approved:

REGULAR SESSION  
(Rates for the School Year)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Rhoads Hall (Air conditioned)	\$410	\$440
Johnson Hall	400	410
Other dormitories for women	400	400
Dormitories for men	350	400

SUMMER SESSION  
(Rates per Week)

Rhoads Hall (Air conditioned)	Double \$ 12	\$ 15
	Single -	18
Other dormitories (not air conditioned)		
Double occupancy	\$ 12	\$ 12
Single occupancy	-	15

Mr. McGehee then reviewed the current status of the proposed widening of Harrison Street which he stated was scheduled to be considered by City Council later in the day. The proposed widening was considered in some detail after which on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Property Committee was requested to have a Representative of the University present in order to request that the proposed widening be deferred until such time as the University's Master Site Plan was developed but with the understanding that no buildings would be constructed in the meantime along Harrison Street which might interfere with such widening without the City being advised of such construction.

It was then stated that the Richmond Metropolitan Authority had agreed to permit the University to use its right-of-way between Harrison and Belvedere Streets for parking and recreational purposes without any charge, the use of such property, however, to be subject to cancellation on 30 days' notice from the Authority. The University would assume, it was explained, the cost of grading or any other improvements necessary to make the land usable as well as the cost of liability insurance coverage.

With respect to the Student Activities Committee, Mrs. Thalhimer stated that the position of the University with respect to the use of alcoholic beverages on the campus did not appear to be entirely clear. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was then determined that the University should conform to the requirements of state law in this respect and that the Administration should in addition adopt such

regulations as it deemed to be necessary.

In concluding her report, Mrs. Thalhimer also stated that the students were giving active consideration to the establishment of sororities and fraternities on the campus and that it appeared that a proposal might be presented to the Board in this connection in the not too distant future.

Mr. Wayne then advised the Board that as he expects to be out of the City for approximately 10 weeks beginning March 1, he felt compelled to resign as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Rector then announced that he had appointed Mr. Eppa Hunton to replace Mr. Wayne as Chairman of the Executive Committee to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Board to be held in May.

Mr. Wayne then stated that he had received a memorandum from Colonel Heil requesting that further consideration be given to the designation of the Health Sciences Complex as the "Medical Center, Virginia Commonwealth University", whereupon, by unanimous consent the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and recommendation.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting then continued in open session.

On behalf of the Health Sciences Division, Colonel Heil then stated that various faculty matters had been approved by the Executive Committee as well as the Memorandum of Gifts, Grants and Contracts which he therefore submitted by title for the information of the Visitors.

Colonel Heil then called on Dr. Lyons, Dean of the Dental School, who reviewed the work of his School and its history. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Watts, Dean of the Graduate School in connection with the work of his Department and what might be expected in the future.

Mr. Crooks then presented his Report and called attention to the fact that a proposed loan from the Commonwealth of \$400,000 in connection with the additional floors being added to Sanger Hall and of \$800,000 in connection with the new Dental Building had both been approved by the Executive Committee as well as the report of the Hospital Accounts Committee, all of which were therefore presented by title for information.

Dr. Brandt then commented briefly on the affairs of the University and advised the Board that he had reserved February 4, 1970 with the Clerk of the House of Delegates for a meeting of Representatives of the University with members of the General Assembly.

The Rector then announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held on March 27, 1969 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon in the Board Room, Sanger Hall, Medical Center.

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

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Chairman

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Secretary