

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF VISITORS OF VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

HELD ON MAY 22, 1969

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on the 22nd day of May, 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 Committee except Mr. Wilson.

Present by invitation were Dr. Warren W. Brandt, President-elect, and Messrs. Heil, Crooks, Brooke, Holmes and Mrs. Hodges.

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

The Chairman thereupon asked Colonel Heil to present the report of the Health Sciences Division.

Colonel Heil presented a memorandum setting forth gifts, grants and contracts for the period April 1 through April 30, 1969, pointing out that the same were running approximately \$11,000 ahead of last year.

Continuing, Colonel Heil then presented a memorandum dated May 22, 1969 with respect to various faculty matters in connection with which he commented briefly and after which on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the same were approved.

Turning to the next item in his Report, Colonel Heil

presented a memorandum with respect to the establishment of a Department of Family Practice within the School of Medicine. The proposal therein contained was generally reviewed and discussed, after which on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, approval of the establishment of the Department was recommended to the Board of Visitors.

Colonel Heil then said that he was happy to announce that two of the Deans in the Health Sciences Division had been recognized by their Alma Maters as distinguished alumnus of the year, Dean Watts by Elon College and Dean Weaver by the University of Maryland.

Colonel Heil thereupon reported that a fire had destroyed a Quonset warehouse and most of the contents at the Health Sciences Center during the preceding week with substantial loss, all of which he said was adequately and properly covered by insurance. Additional space for warehouse purposes had been leased, he explained, for a period of 1 year in order that time might be allowed for a permanent arrangement.

In concluding his report, Colonel Heil stated that the nursing shortage in the University's hospitals was a matter of great concern and that the shortage had made it necessary for beds to be taken out of service. The difficulty resulted, he indicated, not only from the fact that the salary schedule allowed by the State did not compare favorably with that being paid nurses in private hospitals in the area, but also that fringe benefits and working conditions in the private hospitals appeared

to be more favorable. He assured the Committee that every effort was being made to increase the salary schedule and to improve the working conditions with the hope that additional nurses could be attracted at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Crooks reported that the Hospital Accounts Committee met on March 25, April 8 and April 22, 1969 and had reviewed 12,061 accounts totalling \$1,184,548.29, and recommended that 24 accounts amounting to \$13,086.95 be charged to the Davenport Fund and the remaining 12,037 accounts amounting to \$1,171,461.34 be charged to indigent services, bad debts, teaching cases and account adjustment.

The magnitude of the accounts being charged off and the procedures used in collecting accounts was generally discussed, after which on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the recommendation of the Committee was approved.

Mr. Crooks said that approximately \$16,000 had been lost by the hospitals during the month of April, bringing the loss for the fiscal year to \$1,555,313.00.

The Chairman then called on Dr. Brooke for the report of the Academic Division, whereupon Dr. Brooke presented recommendations for Board approval in connection with faculty matters dated May 29, 1969 which he generally reviewed and to which he added an original appointment to a new position, that of Ernest Roane as Admissions Counsellor at a salary of \$8,040 on a 12-month basis. The recommendations contained in the memorandum were thereupon on motion duly made, seconded and

unanimously carried, approved.

Dr. Brandt thereupon stated that he had met with representatives of the City and the State in connection with Leigh Street and that it appeared that an improved six lane wide Leigh Street leading to a new viaduct would pass substantially at grade through the Health Sciences Center and that as a part of the overall arrangement 12th Street would be closed by the City between Broad Street and Marshall Street and that the University would be permitted to purchase from the City the Armory. Additional streets might be closed or rearranged, he said, and concluded in this connection by saying that he had generally indicated approval of the proposed plans with the understanding that when in definitive form, the same would be presented to the Board for consideration and action.


With respect to the proposed widening of Harrison Street, Dr. Brandt indicated that the Administration felt that the University could not take a position until such time as the new master plan was available. He expressed the hope, however, that the situation might remain fluid until this time although this could not be assured.

A suggestion that some response be made to the Student Body with respect to the offer made by the Students to assist in financing a Student Union Building was discussed with the Administration being asked to further consider the matter.

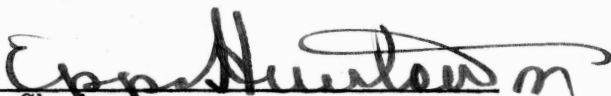
It was then unanimously agreed that following the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors to be held on May 29, 1969, it would be appropriate for the Board of Visitors to meet every

other month as provided in the By-laws, with the Executive Committee to meet in those months in which the Board does not meet. It was also noted that Dr. Brandt will report for full time duty on or about June 1 and that this would greatly facilitate the business of the University.

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

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Chairman