

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

Held May 20, 1971

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held Thursday, May 20, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Sanger Hall on the Medical College of Virginia campus.

Present were all members of the Board except Mr. McGehee. Present by invitation were Drs. Brandt, Brooke, Smith, Willett, and Woods; Messrs. Dunn, Edwards, Holmes, Imirie, and Ware; and Miss Wilkinson.

Mr. Obenshain, serving as chairman until the arrival of Mr. Wilson (at which time Mr. Wilson served as Rector and Mr. Obenshain as Secretary), called the meeting to order.

On motion made and seconded, the following minutes were unanimously approved as distributed: A Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors held February 11, 1971; a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held March 5, 1971; a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held March 25, 1971; a Special Meeting of the Academic Policy Committee held March 30, 1971; and a Special Meeting of the Property Committee held March 31, 1971.

As discussed in the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held March 25, 1971, upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed solution to the fund transfer problem was unanimously approved.

Mr. James L. Dunn, Director of Alumni Activities, then presented an Alumni Fund Concept for Virginia Commonwealth University. Following his presentation and discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted to approve in principle the Alumni Fund Concept. The Board also requested that a report be made at the next regular meeting with regard to specific procedures for expenditure of the Fund.

Mr. William O. Edwards, Director of University Relations, then talked to the Board regarding the implications of a labor organization within the University. Mr. Edwards pointed out that some states have established helpful laws in this regard. It was suggested that Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Obenshain review with Mr. Edwards the model laws which need to be established.

Faculty members, Mrs. Florence Segal, Dr. William Blake, Dr. Thomas Hall, and Dr. George Burke were invited to the meeting to answer questions regarding the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Statement. There was considerable discussion on the Statement with four areas of major concern which the Board requested be re-written. Mr. Obenshain also questioned the legality of one point in the document with respect to the procedure for terminating the appointments of tenured faculty. The Board requested that Mr. Obenshain discuss this question with the Assistant Attorney General. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Statement subject to the redraft of the sections questioned by the Board members, and that the document with the redrafted sections be submitted to all members of the Board of Visitors and, if the redraft does not meet the approval of the

majority of the Board members, the Executive Committee will be convened to act prior to June 30. Mr. Temple and Miss Keyser are recorded as voting against the motion.

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Medical Staff of the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals, Health Sciences Division, Virginia Commonwealth University, passed by the Executive Committee on May 5, 1971, was approved as submitted.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, since their respective retirements President Emeriti Henry H. Hibbs and George J. Oliver have received each year, on a year-to-year basis, \$2,500 compensation as consultants; and Dr. William T. Sanger has received \$3,600 annually;

BE IT RESOLVED, that these consultant services be continued for an additional year.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, a Division of Oral Pathology was authorized within the School of Medicine.

On motion made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers of Virginia Commonwealth University be empowered to contract for a group insurance policy to provide coverage for the President, Vice Presidents, Deans and other chief administrators for loss of life and/or dismemberment resulting from travel. The cost of this insurance coverage will be paid by the University from non-State sources.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the establishment of a Department of Endodontics and a Department of General and Preventive Dentistry was authorized within the School of Dentistry.

The Hospital Accounts Report was adopted on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the Report of Gifts and Grants was accepted as reported.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the proposed masters degree program in Mathematics was approved by the Board of Visitors for submission to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

The Faculty Appointments and Changes of Status were presented. One correction was made, i.e., the deletion in the Student Affairs section of the separation of Mr. Vincent Wright. Miss Keyser questioned the lack of women appointments and promotions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Faculty Appointments and Changes of Status were approved as corrected.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, all clinical faculty were reappointed and hospital privileges were renewed for all who had them in the current year unless otherwise noted in the Faculty Appointments and Changes of Status.

The following resolution was adopted on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed:

WHEREAS a Quitclaim Deed for 22.03 acres, more or less, of the Diesel School Property for educational purposes was made the 8th day of May, 1961, by and between

the Medical College of Virginia and the United States of America acting by and through the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under the pursuant to the power and authority contained in the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended; and

WHEREAS the Medical College of Virginia has not been able to comply with the terms of the Quitclaim Deed for educational purposes due to flood damage and is, therefore, in noncompliance with the terms of the Deed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that title to said 22.03 acres, more or less, of the Naval Diesel School Property be returned to the United States of America in accordance with the provisions of the Quitclaim Deed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Roger L. Smith, Vice President for Planning and Operations, hereby be given authority to execute for the Medical College of Virginia any and all documents required to relinquish claim to said property in accordance with the provisions of the Quitclaim Deed.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to authorize a request to the Governor for the transfer of the Veterans Administration property.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the designation of property on the Master Site Plan for construction of a Psychiatric Institute by the Department of Mental Hygiene and Hospitals.

The proposed changes in fees and auxiliary charges was adopted on motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Wilson then reminded the Board that sometime ago a committee was formed to decide how to recognize the service of Mr. Hunton to the Board of Visitors. He then brought up the possibility of establishing a medal of distinguished service to the University. It was recommended that an Edward

A. Wayne Medal for Distinguished Service to the University be established to be awarded by the Board of Visitors and that the first award be presented to Mr. Hunton. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the above suggestion. Mr. Temple then suggested that Mr. Wayne receive the master medal.

Copies of the proposed Capital Outlay Priorities were distributed to the Board members. They were reviewed by Dr. Brandt and adopted by the Board on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, a one-year extension of the Interim Rules and Procedures was approved to September 1, 1972.

Mr. Scott then pointed out that in reference to Dr. Brandt's earlier expression of appreciation to his staff, this outstanding job by members of Dr. Brandt's staff was due, in large part, to the outstanding leadership and capabilities demonstrated by Dr. Brandt. The members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Dr. Brandt.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the proposed Compensation Plan, Teaching and Research Faculty for Virginia Commonwealth University as submitted to the Board.

Dr. Brandt announced that in the near future there would be some fairly significant administrative changes. The Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. J. E. Whitesell, is resigning from his position and becoming a full-time professor in the English Department. Also, Dr. Walter Coppedge, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, is resigning his position and becoming a


professor in the English Department. Dr. Arnold P. Fleshood, now Dean of the School of Education, will become Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Brandt then pointed out that since the Bateman resolution had been passed regarding visitation the administration plans to implement a system of parental approval for student participation in the current approved visitation program; plans are also being made to strengthen the elements of control. Dr. Brandt indicated that Board action was not necessary, but he would like some feeling from the Board regarding this. There was general concurrence from the Board that this was a good plan of action.

The meeting then went into Executive Session with the Board members, Dr. Brandt and Miss Wilkinson remaining.

Dr. Brandt presented the proposed salaries for his Vice Presidents, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Ware, Dr. Willett and Coach Noe. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed the salaries were adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Chairman

## Report of the President to the Board of Visitors

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Dr. Brandt complimented and expressed appreciation to the members of his immediate staff for the outstanding job each of them performed during the past several months under the tensions and pressures which have existed.

With regard to the building program, Dr. Brandt reported that the addition to Sanger Hall should be open for bids within the next couple of months. The I-95 parking lot has been completed and is in use. Plans for the parking deck north of MCV North are progressing; construction should begin within the next six to nine months, if things go well. The basement of the Lyons Building is to house a major part of the fiscal operations; work is progressing. We are hoping that the classrooms in the business building will be completed by the beginning of the fall semester; however, it is doubtful that the office space will be available then; and the computer space definitely will not be completed. The Pollak Building is progressing very slowly; it is now in the completion stages. The University will rent space in the Catholic School at the corner of Floyd and Morris Streets; it will house the Adult Education Program, The Special Services Program, and the Child Study Center. The architects have been selected for the education-science building. The Master Site Plan, sent to the State August 4, 1970, reportedly has been approved; officials have indicated that the letter of approval is in the mail. Steps will now be taken to take the plan to the City Council and City Planning Commission to have it incorporated into the City Master Plan.



Dr. Brandt reported that the Student Affairs area is quiet.

The budget for the coming year is being prepared, along with the biennial budget. The Capital Outlay portion will be presented later during the meeting. The Governor and his Budget Advisory Board will visit the campus next Thursday, May 27.

Two candidates have been interviewed for the deanship of the School of Medicine. A third candidate will be interviewed next week.

Plans for a proposed Cancer Research Institute are still being made.

Dr. Brandt is considering establishing a new position: Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.

Dr. H. I. Willett has been made Consultant to the President and is coordinating, at present, the operation of the Development and University Relations offices.

An Adult Education Program is being established which will provide education for employees who have less than a twelfth-grade education.

Dr. Brandt then explained the Special Services Program which the University has been providing for the past two years. The Program admits, to the University, students who do not meet entrance requirements but give evidence of being capable of succeeding in college.

The Board members are scheduled to visit the Hospitals tomorrow.

Dr. Brandt announced that his secretary, Mary Frances Wilkinson, would be leaving the University at the end of the month; and that her replacement would be Miss Ann Cosby who would begin on the 21st of June. The Board expresses their appreciation to Miss Wilkinson for her excellent service.

Dr. Brandt pointed out that Mr. Vincent Wright, Assistant Dean for Student Life, has appealed the decision not to renew his contract next year. A hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 24.