

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

February 21, 1974

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, February 21, 1974, at 9:00 a.m. in the President's Dining Room.

Present were Drs. Blanton, Gwathmey and Thornton; Messrs. Bradley, Dabney, Norris, Obenshain, Scott, Seaborn and Sheffield, and Mrs. Stone. Miss Keyser and Messrs. McGehee, Shumate and Turnbull were absent. Also present were Drs. Andrako, Brandt, Brooke, Neal, Willett, Wilson and Woods; Messrs. Holmes, Imirie and Temple, and Miss Cosby.

Dr. Blanton called the meeting to order. On motion made and seconded, the following minutes were approved: Regular Meetings of the Board of Visitors, held December 20, 1973, and January 17, 1974; Special Meeting of the Board of Visitors, held January 30, 1974; Special Meeting of the Academic Policy Committee, held January 29, 1974; and Special Meeting of the Property Committee, held February 13, 1974.

Dr. Blanton reported on the meeting of the Hospital Quality Assurance Committee, held February 21, 1974, at which time the policies under which the Committee will operate were reviewed and the audit taking place in the hospitals was discussed. The Committee approved one set of reports dealing with breast biopsies and made one suggestion for follow-up in that area. Dr. Jones will maintain minutes of the Committee.

Following the report of the President, Dr. Blanton reported on a letter he received from Dr. Llewelyn T. Flippen, a local dentist, raising several questions about the School of Dentistry. Dr. Blanton explained the reply he will send to Dr. Flippen.

A new bill, HB 12053, which has been passed by the United States House of Representatives, provides for a five-man national health council and will create regional comprehensive health divisions. They will supervise all capital planning, prescribe all health fees, and make decisions about manpower and educational grants.

A special meeting of the Board was held on January 30 regarding Senate Bill 121 which will strengthen considerably the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Dr. Blanton, Mr. Obenshain, Dr. Willett and Mr. Temple prepared a statement which Dr. Blanton presented to Senator Willey expressing the views of the Board. Dr. Blanton had talked with the Rectors of the Boards of the six largest State institutions of higher education. While they agree with our general position, they do not plan to take any action. The bill will probably pass the General Assembly.

After extended discussion, on motion made and seconded, the following resolution was passed, with Mr. Norris and Mrs. Stone dissenting:

RESOLVED, that the designated name, The Medical College of Virginia, shall be used in all publications, communications, and other printed matter issued by The Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. In all such publications, communications, and other printed matter, the name, The Medical College of Virginia shall appear first, followed

by Virginia Commonwealth University in not more dominant type.

The By-Laws of Virginia Commonwealth University were adopted on motion made and seconded.

Dr. Kenneth Guyer, Mr. Philip Meggs, Dr. Jarrell Raper and Mrs. Florence Segal, representatives of the Faculty Senate of Virginia Commonwealth University, entered the meeting at this point to present their views on the proposed Faculty Planning document. Dr. Brandt explained that because enrollments are leveling or declining around the country, the ability to respond to the needs of the institution, such as starting new programs or phasing out old ones, will be jeopardized without careful planning. Following some discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to table this item until the March meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Elaine Rothenberg, Dean of the School of Social Work, gave a very interesting report on the growth of the School and its programs. There are many programs where faculty from two schools are cooperating together.

On motion made and seconded, the following were approved for submission to the State Council of Higher Education:

Letters of Intent:

Masters in Public Administration
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

Proposed Degree Programs:

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services
Master of Education in Adult Education
Master of Business Administration

It should be noted that the name, Masters in Public Administration, may be changed to Masters in Public Management.


On motion made and seconded, the decision to delete the curriculum in engineering was approved.

On motion made, seconded and approved, the name of the Department of Psychiatric Nursing was changed to the Department of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.

On motion made and seconded, the Hospital Accounts report was unanimously accepted.

The Faculty Appointments and Changes of Status were approved, on motion made and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.


Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman

Report of the President to the Board of Visitors

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Most of the Board members have received copies of correspondence between Mrs. William T. Reed and Mrs. Walter A. Williams and Dr. Brandt regarding the old First Baptist Church structure which is on the site of the Health Sciences Building. Mr. David E. Satterfield, III, was also contacted by some people opposing the tearing down of the old church. Mr. Satterfield was informed that no federal money is involved.

Freshman applications are still running behind last year, and the number of day students next fall will probably be less than fall, 1973.

HEW sent a civil rights team to visit several State colleges recently about the statewide desegregation plan. They visited Virginia State, Norfolk State, Old Dominion, Richard Bland and VCU. Dr. Brandt mentioned they visited VCU because they wanted to see what a good place looked like. They asked to talk with black student leaders, and that group was upset because the entire HEW team was white.

The budget presentation was made early in February. The Governor recommended deleting all capital outlay projects that are not already underway. The legislature has made it known that they will not fund 50-60 faculty in Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health. If they do not, and we cannot get the formula changed, we will ultimately have to cut the Nursing faculty by more than half. The bill to strengthen the State Council has passed the Senate without any amendments. The freedom of information act has passed the committee in the House.