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

February 14, 1975

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors was held on Friday, February 14, 1975, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanger Hall Board Room.

Present were Drs. Blanton and Gwathmey; Messrs. Dabney, Scott and Shumate. Mr. Obenshain was absent. Also present were Dr. Willett and Mrs. Price.

Dr. Willett described to the Committee the work that the Presidential Search Assistance Committee (PSAC) had done thus far in the screening process. He showed lists of names and told how the committee and the sub-committee had gone about screening them.

Dr. Willett then asked the committee about the desired qualifications for the presidential candidates. Dr. Willett expressed his feeling that the Board wanted someone with a strong administrative background and a good knowledge of financial matters. In addition, the president must have good communication and public relations skills. Dr. Willett further stated that he felt our chances of securing someone with an outstanding national reputation were not as good as he had hoped.

Dr. Willett asked the Executive Committee how they felt about the handling of the internal candidates. The Committee responded that they would postpone a decision on this item until they had done some preliminary screening on external candidates.

The Executive Committee, discussing possible reorganization changes, indicated that they would rather wait on this matter. The feeling was expressed that, if there were any administrative changes that absolutely had to be made, the Board would be willing to hear a recommendation (such as an assistant for one of the Vice Presidents).

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary

Approved:

Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector