

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

March 20, 1975

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, March 20, 1975, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanger Hall Board Room.

Present were Messrs. Dabney, Grey, Morgan, Norris, Scott, Shumate, and Taylor; Dr. Gwathmey; and Mesdames Satterfield, Stone and Thalhimer. Absent were Messrs. McGehee, Obenshain and Seaborn and Dr. Blanton. Also present were Drs. Brooke, Hall, Neal, Willett, Wilson and Woods; Messrs. Holmes, Imirie and Temple; and Mrs. Price.

Mr. Scott called the meeting to order. He stated to the Board that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board and of the Executive Committee were not ready for Board approval.

Dr. Gwathmey reported on the Hospital Quality Assurance meeting held earlier. He indicated that the committee had signed off on the hospital quality assurance plan and that it would be coming to the Board at its April meeting.

The report of the University Interim Administrative Committee followed.

Item IV, Report by the Chairman of the Presidential Search Assistance Committee, was postponed until the end of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the HMO Status Report. Dr. Neal indicated that we were still awaiting word from the Attorney General's Office on the resolution passed by the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Bill Crews will probably attend the April meeting of the Board to discuss this in detail.

Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the request to change the name of the Department of Biometry to the Department of Biostatistics was unanimously approved.

Mr. Scott reported that Item VII, Degree Proposal: Masters of Science in Administration of Justice, would be postponed until the April meeting since the Council on Academic Affairs had not yet taken action on the proposal.

On motion made and seconded, the Report of Gifts, Grants and Contracts was unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements and indicated that the supplement following the statements was most helpful.

On motion made and seconded, the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status were unanimously approved. Dr. Brooke commented that the University is most fortunate to be able to attract a person like Dr. David Manning White and that he was most pleased that Dr. White had decided to join our faculty on a full-time basis. Dr. Willett stated that we had another nationally-known person on the faculty--Dr. Collin Turnbull. Following a discussion, Mr. Scott asked that perhaps Dr. Turnbull could be asked to attend a future Board meeting to make a presentation.

Mr. Imirie presented a report dealing with a model hospital accounting system.


Mr. Scott reported that due to scheduling problems the Cancer Center tour could not be held following the Board meeting. By a show of hands, the Cancer Center tour was scheduled following the April Board meeting (2 p.m.).

The Board went into Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.


Secretary

Approved:


Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

March 20, 1975

Mr. Temple's Remarks

Mr. Temple reported that the Careers Conference had been a success. He read statements from several letters received from counselors endorsing the success of the program.

Mr. Temple stated that the printed materials pertaining to the private fund drive for the Cancer Center would be ready around mid-April and that the drive would probably get underway by mid-May. An evaluation team will begin reviewing names of prospective donors shortly. Mr. Temple continued that he had sent a letter to members of our congressional delegation indicating the purpose of the fund drive and other facts regarding the Center. He indicated that he hoped that Governor Godwin would be available to speak at the kickoff luncheon or dinner, but a date had not been confirmed with the Governor's office.

Mr. Temple indicated that he had no spectacular news to report regarding the Annual Fund drive, but that it was making gains over last year. Overall, the Development and University Relations staff is quite pleased with the progress of the Annual Fund.

Mr. Temple reported that on April 6, 1975, the annual Honors and Awards Convocation would be held at Dogwood Dell and that Judge James E. Sheffield and Dr. Warren W. Brandt would both be honored for their service to Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mr. Temple stated, that in compliance with the resolution passed by the Virginia General Assembly regarding a parking study on the Academic Campus, the State Highway Department had been contacted and asked to do this study for VCU.

Mr. Temple reported on the procedures being used in connection with the budget. He indicated that each dean and department head would appear before the Interim Committee, the Academic Vice Presidents, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Rennie to make a "pitch" for their particular school or department. The Interim Committee hopes that this will increase morale among these administrators. Mr. Temple called on Mr. Holmes to give details concerning the budgeting procedures.

Dr. Brooke's Remarks

Dr. Brooke reported that Dr. Arnold P. Fleshood, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs, suffered a cardiac arrest on March 14, but that he has now been moved from the coronary intensive care unit and appears to be making fine progress. Dr. Brooke also offered general comments concerning the funding of the proposed Student Center, indicating that a thorough-going discussion with the appropriate committee(s) of the Board would be scheduled prior to the April meeting of the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Neal's Remarks

Dr. Neal reported that, again on March 10th, the Virginia Supreme Court failed to hand down a decision regarding the "friendly" writ of mandamus. Realizing this was now a very unusual situation, Mr. Temple and Dr. Neal met with Attorney General Andrew Miller on Wednesday, March 12th to discuss VCU's concerns and apprehensions. Dr. Neal continued that Mr. Miller confirmed that the situation was very unusual. However, the Attorney General's office does not wish to ask the Chief Justice what the opinion will be but when the decision might be expected. A letter from Mr. Temple has been sent to Mr. Miller indicating what this delay is costing the University (approximately 1 percent per month). Armed with this, the attorneys for both parties will appear before the Chief Justice to ask when a decision might be forthcoming.

Dr. Neal reported that the investment board of a major insurance carrier is reviewing a recommendation from their staff to provide continued funding for the Virginia Hospital Laundry. Their decision is expected at any time.

Dr. Neal stated that the Board will be receiving at its April meeting a University-wide recommendation regarding tuition. However, we have been asked by the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia what we expect our tuition to be next year for out-of-state medical students. The Board of Visitors at UVA is interested in this information. It appears that the UVA Board felt that the out-of-state medical school tuition was too low and pushed for a \$3,000 figure for the 1976-77 academic year. Apparently, by agreement, the \$3,000 figure will be reached next year at UVA. Their request to us was would we be near that level next year and did our Board know about it. Dr. Neal continued that if the trends continue, we will be near that figure next year for the entering student. For the benefit of the School of Medicine at UVA, this Board of Visitors has been advised of that possibility regarding tuition.

Dr. Neal reported that the resolution passed by the Board at its February meeting regarding the HMO has been given to the HMO Executive Committee of VCU and to Mr. Bill Crews in the Attorney General's office. Mr. Crews has been provided all the data and the copies of the grants. He will be responding to this Board in writing and, if desired, can attend the April meeting to respond to any question. The MCV/VCU HMO Executive Committee was informed at its meeting on yesterday (3/19/75) that the Richmond Memorial Hospital has provided six nominees and they have been approved and accepted by the Capital Area Group Health Association. CAGHA now has thirteen members--six from Richmond Memorial Hospital, one trade union representative plus the six original. As offered earlier, five of the six original will resign leaving eight potential spots for VCU, if desired. The HMO grant recipients have been working with VCU's University Relations Office on a brochure of explanation of an HMO and why VCU is in the planning situation. Dr. Jessee will report to the Richmond Academy of Medicine after the April meeting of their Board of Trustees regarding the status of the HMO.

Dr. Neal stated that the financial management study is underway and on schedule. Mr. Jim Reynolds will report to the Board on April 17th the results of the Phase II study.

Dr. Neal indicated that a letter from Dr. Francis McMullan had been received by several members of the administration. In this letter, Dr. McMullan expressed his gratitude for the University's commitment to maintain the identification of the MCV Campus of VCU as had been agreed upon in joint meetings of the MCV Alumni Association and University and Board representatives some fifteen months ago. Dr. McMullan continued in his letter that he felt the spirit of the concern of the MCV Alumni had been met and the identification of the Medical College of Virginia's name was in proper perspective at this time.