

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

March 17, 1976

A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Wednesday, March 17, 1976, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanger Hall Board Room.

Present were Drs. Blanton and Gwathmey; Messrs. Dabney, Grey, McGehee, Norris, Scott, Seaborn and Shumate; Mesdames Satterfield and Thalhimer. Absent were Messrs. Morgan and Obenshain and Mrs. Stone. Also present were Drs. Temple and Willett and Mrs. Price.

Dr. Blanton called the meeting to order.

Dr. Temple reported to the Board that the administration would like to recommend for the Board's approval the appointment of Mrs. Karen C. Kincannon as Legal Advisor to the President and Board of Visitors. Dr. Temple passed out copies of Mrs. Kincannon's resume and asked the Board to take formal action at Thursday's meeting if there were no objections.

Dr. Temple presented "The Transitional Organization for Virginia Commonwealth University." Basically, the plan calls for four new positions. They are: Provost-Administration, Administrative Assistant to the President, Director of Administrative Information Management and Director of Operations. Dr. Temple reviewed the purpose of each of the new positions and how they related to the other members of the staff.

At this time, Mr. Melvin C. Shaffer, Director of Visual Education, joined the meeting for the signage presentation. Mr. Shaffer had mockups of the proposed signs for the Board to see and also showed slides of the signs in their actual location. On motion made and seconded, the signage proposal was approved unanimously as presented and was directed to be presented to the Art Commission for its approval.

Mr. Scott reported that the Property Committee had met earlier to review the status of the Health Sciences Building. Mr. Scott pointed out that this building had been cut by about 25 percent and that the drawings displayed along the walls reflected these space cuts. He also passed around pictures of the model of the exterior of the building. Mr. Scott indicated that no action by the Board was necessary.

Following a presentation by Dr. John J. Salley, on motion made and seconded, the Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Gerontology was unanimously approved.

Dr. Wayne C. Hall presented the Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative and General Literature. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative and General Literature was unanimously approved.

Dr. Hall also presented to the Board a proposal to change the name of the "Department of Urban Studies" to the "Department of Urban Studies and Planning." This title change is needed for accrediting purposes. On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the name of the "Department of Urban Studies" was changed to the "Department of Urban Studies and Planning."

Dr. John J. Salley presented a proposal which would allow the enrollment of full-time persons with faculty rank in graduate courses and in programs leading to advanced degrees at VCU. On the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, the wording "on a space available basis," was added to the first paragraph of this proposal and the proposal will now read:

The following provisions shall apply to enrollment on a space available basis of full-time persons in the University with faculty rank in graduate courses and in programs leading to advanced degrees at Virginia Commonwealth University.

On motion made and seconded, the proposal was unanimously approved as amended.

A letter from Andrew P. Miller, Attorney General, dealing with the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act was brought to the attention of the Board. The Board requested that a copy of the Attorney General's letter and copies of the necessary forms be sent to each member of the Board with a request that they be returned to the President's Office. The forms would then be forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General.


Mr. Holmes presented the Financial Statements which the Board accepted.

Following discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status were unanimously approved.


Dr. Fitzhugh Mayo, Chairman of the Department of Family Practice at MCV/VCU joined the meeting to make a presentation concerning his program and the current status of the Family Practice budget.

On majority vote of the Board, an Executive Session was held.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.


Richard D. Obenshain, Secretary

Approved:


Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector