

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

August 13, 1976

A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on a retreat at Royal Orchard on Friday, August 13, 1976.

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

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. and Mr. Buford Scott at the request of the Rector gave a most interesting brief history of Royal Orchard. The morning session of the Board centered around the mission and goals of the University. During the afternoon session there was a discussion on the mechanics and procedures involved in the President's evaluation as a prelude to the Rector's appointment of an evaluation committee as set forth in the Board's By-Laws. The Rector appointed the Presidential Evaluation Committee which was composed of Mr. Richard Obenshain, Mrs. Anne Satterfield and Mr. Stuart Shumate, Chairman. There was a general agreement that the President should be evaluated in terms of the qualifications set forth in the Presidential Search.

The same committee headed by Mr. Shumate was also given the responsibility of representing the Board in the development of the University Mission Statement. The members of the Board felt that they should be involved in the development of the University Mission Statement which, in their opinion, should be rather general

and short. It was felt that the goals should be developed with greater specificity by the staff which could be made available to the Board members for review and comment.

The Rector also appointed a committee to bring back a report to the Board on steps that should be taken to establish procedures for internal audits and better control of University funds. This committee was composed of Mr. Coleman McGehee, Chairman; Mr. Buford Scott and Dr. T. Edward Temple.

Mr. Buford Scott reported to the Board the action taken by the Property Committee in approving preliminary plans for a student dormitory for submission to the State Division of Engineering and Buildings and the Art Commission. He also reported that the Property Committee had approved and accepted the portrait of Dr. Mary Kapp, former Professor of Chemistry at the University. The Board approved both actions of the Property Committee.

Before adjourning at 4:30 p.m., the Rector expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Jr., for their hospitality in providing a very memorable day at Royal Orchard.


Richard D. Obenshain

Approved:


Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., M.D., Rector