

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS

April 19, 1979

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, April 19, 1979, at 7:30 a.m. in the President's Dining Room.

Present were Dr. Blanton; Messrs. Bliley, Grey, Scott and Shumate; and Mrs. Satterfield. Mr. Dabney was absent. Also present were Drs. Ackell, Beller, Brooke, Hall and Woods; Messrs. Bruegman, Cribbs, Guerdon and Ross; and Mrs. Price.

Dr. Ackell gave the Committee a brief report on the land acquisition program in Oregon Hill. We have acquired two houses and are now negotiating the purchase of four other properties. The Governor, Senator Willey and Secretary Gilley have visited the affected area. Mr. Bruegman reported that he and Mr. Saksen answered all the questions, and we have not heard anything else from them. In addition, Dr. Ackell reported that he and Mr. Bruegman met with representatives of the Randolph Community Association who are supportive of VCU and our relocation program.

Dr. Ackell reported that he had just met with Lou Mills concerning the men's basketball head coach position. There have been 94 applicants for the position many of whom are assistants without good "track records." The Intercollegiate Athletic Committee is serving as the search committee. Dr. Ackell reported that we have four or five good prospects for the position. We hope to have a decision within the next two to three weeks.

Dr. Ackell indicated that some persons connected with the Community College System have been making detrimental remarks about VCU to the Education Committee of the General Assembly as well as in the community at large. These remarks have to do with our lowering our standards to increase our enrollment and, therefore, hurting the enrollment at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Dr. Ackell reported that

he had not decided whether to speak with Mr. Carl Bain or Dr. Dana Hamel regarding this matter. Dr. Blanton cautioned that we should not get into a confrontation with the Board of the Community College System.

Dr. Ackell reported that the salaries of all university-wide administrators and all Academic Campus personnel who make over \$10,000 were published in the Commonwealth Times last week. It was not very good for morale. Faculty members are comparing their salaries with faculty salaries in other schools and departments.

Dr. Ackell introduced Mr. Bruegman who presented the 1979-80 budget plan for VCU. Mr. Bruegman reviewed the assumptions and criteria used in the preparation of the 1979-80 budget plan. Shown below is a summary of the 1979-80 budget plan for VCU:

Revenue (in millions)

1978-79 Base	\$70.1
Increases Expected	5.2
. Direct Appropriation	(\$1.0)
. Classified Regrades	(\$0.8)
. Faculty Salary Incs.	(\$2.1)
. Fringe Benefits	(\$1.0)
. Special Funds	(\$0.3)
5% Average Tuition Increase	<u>.7</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$76.0

Expenditures (in millions)

1978-79 Base	\$69.7
Required Increases	5.5
. Restore Salary Savings	(\$1.0)
. Classified Merit Increases and Regrades	(\$1.4)
. Faculty Salary Incs.	(\$2.4)
. Utilities, Rentals, Library	(\$0.5)
. Consolidated Computer Center	(\$0.1)
. Fringe Benefits	(\$1.1)
. Recoveries	-\$1.0)

Additional Funding Requirements		\$1.9
. Academic Affairs		
Statistics Institute	(\$60,000)	
Center for Public Affairs	(\$50,000)	
Library	(\$100,000)	
. Health Sciences		
Allied Health Prof.	(\$118,000)	
. Continuing Education	(\$18,000)	
. Research & Graduate Affairs		
Office of Research	(\$28,000)	
Center on Aging	(\$8,000)	
. Student Affairs - Financial Aid	(\$32,000)	
. Faculty Promotions	(\$70,000)	
. Equipment	(\$250,000)	
. Operating Support	(\$450,000)	
. Contingencies		
Special Programs	(\$100,000)	
Emergencies	(\$600,000)	
TOTAL	\$1,884,000	
Planned Salary Savings		-\$0.9
Prepay 1979-80 Obligations		- 0.2
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$76.0

Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, a 7 percent average faculty salary increase and a 5 percent average tuition increase were approved by the Committee. Mr. Scott indicated that the members of the administration should be complimented for the fine budget presentation.

On motion made and seconded, the following Resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, Virginia Commonwealth University is proceeding with the construction of the capital construction project entitled "Low Rise Dormitory - Phase II" (the "Project");

WHEREAS, permanent financing of the Project will be achieved through the issuance of revenue bonds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development which has approved Virginia Commonwealth University's application for funding and which revenue bonds will be issued upon the completion of the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to secure temporary and interim financing for the construction of the Project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University, that the Vice President for Finance be and is hereby authorized to secure an interim loan in an amount not to exceed \$5,209,000 from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia to finance the construction of the Project, such loan to be repaid from the proceeds of the revenue bonds which shall be issued upon the completion of the construction of the Project.

Following a presentation by Mr. Guerdon, on motion made and seconded, the following Resolution regarding the Robins' stock gift was approved:

RESOLVED, that the agreement of Virginia Commonwealth University as set forth in a letter dated March 19, 1979, addressed to E. Claiborne Robins restricting the disposition by Virginia Commonwealth University of 60,000 shares of the Common Stock of A. H. Robins, Incorporated, distributed by Mr. Robins to Virginia Commonwealth University and the disposition of other shares and other securities received in respect of such shares, a copy of which letter has been submitted to this meeting, is approved; and that the actions of Mr. James G. Guerdon, Vice President for Finance, in signing and delivering such letter on behalf of Virginia Commonwealth University are approved and confirmed.

Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the following Resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, Virginia Commonwealth University has received the necessary authorization and approval, including the approval of the Governor of the Commonwealth, to proceed with the construction of the capital construction project entitled "Academic Campus Parking Deck" (the "Project");

WHEREAS, permanent financing of the Project will be achieved through the issuance of revenue bonds, which will be issued upon the completion of the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to secure temporary and interim financing for the construction of the Project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University, that the Vice President for Finance be and is hereby authorized to secure an interim loan in an amount not to exceed \$3,294,000 from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia to finance the construction of the Project, such loan to be repaid from the proceeds of the revenue bonds which shall be issued upon the completion of construction of the Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.


Anne P. Satterfield, Secretary

Approved:


Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector