

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

May 17, 1979

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, May 17, 1979, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at 910 West Franklin Street.

Present were Drs. Blanton, Gayle, Johnson and Nemuth; Messrs. Dabney, Norris, Scott, Seaborn, and Shumate; and Mesdames Fewell, Stone and Thalhimer. Absent were Messrs. Bliley and Grey and Mrs. Satterfield. Also present were Drs. Ackell, Beller, Brooke, Hall, Wilson and Woods; Messrs. Bruegman, Guerdon and Ross; Miss Cosby and Mrs. Price.

Dr. Blanton called the meeting to order. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Property Committee, held February 27, 1979; Special Meeting of the Board of Visitors, held March 14, 1979; Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors, held March 15, 1979; Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held March 27, 1979; Special Meeting of the Executive Committee, held April 19, 1979; and Special Meeting of the Hospital Committee, held April 26, 1979; were approved.

During the Report of the President, Dr. Blanton appointed a committee to establish ground rules for the Board's operation during open meetings which will take effect on July 1, 1979. The committee membership is composed of Dr. Gayle as Chairman, Messrs. Bliley and Dabney and Mrs. Fewell.

Mr. Ross presented the Report of the Legal Advisor.

Dr. Blanton then presented Messrs. Dabney, Norris and Scott and Mrs. Stone with inscribed brass trays and thanked them for their many years of service on the Board and to the University.

Dr. Blanton appointed a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers and an Executive Committee for 1979-80. This committee is composed of Dr. Nemuth as Chairman, Dr. Johnson and Mr. Seaborn.

The Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status were presented, and Dr. Ackell indicated that the appointment of J. D. Barnett as Men's Head Basketball Coach and Dr. William Price as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs were among the appointments. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Faculty appointments and Changes in Status were approved.

Mr. Guerdon presented the Report of Gifts, Grants and Contracts. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Report of Gifts, Grants and Contracts was approved.

The Contracts signed since the March Board meeting were presented by Mr. Guerdon. On motion made and seconded, the list of contracts signed since the March meeting was accepted by the Board.

The Board was requested by the administration to replace Dr. R. B. Young on the Virginia Hospital Laundry Board with Mr. Myles Lash. The reason for this request is Dr. Young served on the VHL Board in his capacity as Acting Executive Director. On motion made and seconded, the appointment of Mr. Myles Lash to the VHL Board was approved.

At this time, Mr. Lewis Mills, Athletic Director, and Mr. J. D. Barnett, Head Basketball Coach, joined the meeting for the Board to have an opportunity to meet the new coach. Coach Barnett reviewed his recruiting efforts, the team in general, and VCU's prospects in the new Sun Belt Conference. Mr. Mills announced that the "VCU Basketball Show" would air at 11 a.m. on May 27, and he hoped everyone would watch. VCU will be having a weekly show next basketball season on either Saturday or Sunday mornings.

Mr. Guerdon presented the proposed schedule of Tuition and Fees for 1979-80. He indicated that we are increasing tuition by five percent overall. With regard to the fee schedule, we are combining the student fees and will now have a consolidated student fee. The fees on the MCV Campus are being increased to bring them more in line with the fees charged on the Academic Campus. In addition, Evening College students will now pay a per credit hour fee. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Schedule of Tuition and Fees for 1979-80 were approved.

Mr. Norris reported on behalf of the Academic Policy Committee which had considered the Academic Integrity Policy that will apply to all students on the Academic Campus. Mr. Norris reported that it is necessary to have a detailed document to define cheating and plagiarism and to outline the procedures for dealing with such occurrences. The purpose of this document is to ensure consistent handling of all such cases. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, it was agreed to delay a decision on the document until the entire Board has an opportunity to review it more carefully.

Mr. Seaborn reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. Dr. Beller reported that the position of Director of Internal Audit was still vacant. He indicated that we had been working with the State for about a year in trying to get the salary upgraded so that we could hire someone with the appropriate qualifications. Dr. Beller also reported that the reorganization for the Internal Audit Department had been submitted. It was requested that a chronology of events be prepared regarding our fruitless efforts to hire an Internal Audit Manager. On motion made and seconded, the report of the Audit Committee was accepted.

Dr. Blanton reported for the Executive Committee. He indicated that this committee had met on April 19 to discuss the budget plan for VCU. This plan was subse-

quently approved by the Committee. Dr. Blanton reported that the Executive Committee had also reviewed three resolutions, one of which dealt with the acceptance of the gift of stock by Mr. and Mrs. E. Claiborne Robins. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the report of the Executive Committee was accepted.

Dr. Gayle reported on behalf of the Hospital Committee. He reported that some changes are being made in the emergency room procedures. The decision on whether to admit a patient to the hospital will be made by a faculty member. He also reported that patient days are up but the length of stay is a little longer than normal. Dr. Gayle also reported that the nursing recruitment brochure won two awards. With regard to the HIS system, Dr. Gayle reported that we had a period of time when no hospital bills were sent out. The system seems to be functioning somewhat better now. On motion made and seconded, the report of the Hospital Committee was accepted by the Board.

The Property Committee report was given by Mr. Scott. He stated that this committee had reviewed the schematics for the Physical Education Building and the Pharmacy/Pharmacology Building as well as the preliminaries for the Cary Street Gym and the Putney Houses. In addition, the working drawings for the Life Sciences Building were discussed. Also reviewed was the land acquisition budget and the proposed purchase of the F&M Bank Building. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the report of the Property Committee was accepted.

Mr. Norris reported for the Student Affairs Committee. This committee met on May 14 and received a student government update and report. They also discussed the management of student fees and reviewed statistical data relative to VCU's student body. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the report of the Student Affairs Committee was accepted.

On majority vote of the Board, an Executive Session was held. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

  
Anne P. Satterfield, Secretary

Approved:

  
Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

May 17, 1979

1. Commencement - Dr. Ackell reported that he felt commencement had gone well, and we have received a lot of compliments on Mr. Rogers' address. Dr. Ackell stated that he did feel we would need to look for a more suitable place to hold the luncheon in future years. He also expressed appreciation to Drs. Andrako and Fleshood and Miss Cosby for all their hard work.
2. MCV Alumni Association - Dr. Ackell reported that we are continuing to work with this group and hope that a decision will be reached in the near future. We want very much to bring this group closer to the University.
3. Property Acquisition - We have just this week received from the City of Richmond the deeds to the two Mosque Parking Lots. We will be constructing a 926-car deck on one of the lots.
4. Capital Outlay Tour - Dr. Ackell reported that the Governor and his party toured the facilities on both campuses of the University last week. The Governor made a point of the large number of historic landmarks located on both campuses of the University. Also a number of questions were answered concerning the Oregon Hill land acquisition program.
5. Positions - Dr. Ackell reported that we have had a lot of problems with State government in obtaining positions. Because VCU was so far behind in this category, the General Assembly authorized additional positions as catch up. However, due to the Governor's Manpower Utilization directive, we have been unable to secure these positions. It may become necessary for VCU to contact some legislators and the Governor concerning this problem.
6. Honors and Awards - Mrs. Stone did a fine job as speaker at the Honors and Awards convocation. Mr. Norris received an outstanding service award at this same function.
7. Social Work Accreditation - Dr. Ackell reported that the preliminary report by the site visit team was highly complimentary of our social work program.
8. University of Richmond - Dr. Ackell reported that he and a number of his staff had met with Dr. Bruce Heilman and a number of his staff to discuss items of mutual interest. Dr. Ackell plans to have the University of Richmond people on campus in early fall.
9. Open Board Meetings - Dr. Ackell reported that we have been investigating suitable sites to hold the Board meetings beginning in July. It appears that the School of Business Auditorium will be the most suitable for our needs at the present time.