

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

September 17, 1980

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, September 17, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in the Student Lounge of the Lyons Building.

Present were Drs. Butt, Coleman, Gayle and Johnson; Messrs. Balfour, Cotten, Craigie and Wyatt; and Mesdames Bemiss, Fewell, and Satterfield. Absent were Dr. Nemuth, Messrs. Grey and Ludeman and Mrs. Thalhimer. Also present were Drs. Ackell, Hall, Salley, Sparks, Wilson and Woods; Messrs. Bruegman, Guerdon and Ross; Miss Cosby and Mrs. Price.

Mrs. Satterfield called the meeting to order and welcomed Dr. Coleman and Mr. Cotten to their first Board meeting.

On motion made and seconded, the following minutes were approved: Regular meeting of the Board of Visitors, held July 17, 1980; Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held August 21, 1980; and Special Meeting of the Property Committee, held September 9, 1980.

Dr. Ackell discussed the following items in his report:

1. Dr. Ackell stated that Dr. Harold Nemuth is in the Nelson Clinic for some minor surgery. He should be going home in the next couple of days.
2. Dr. Ackell stated that yesterday we began an orientation of our Board members. It was a long session. Dr. Ackell stated that through the Board's regular meetings, some Wednesday evening sessions, and the President's Newsletter, we hope to increase the Board's knowledge of VCU.
3. Dr. Ackell reported that, if any Board member attends the State Fair, he or she should go to the Commonwealth Building to see VCU's exhibit. We have a new one this year and would appreciate any comments on the exhibit.

4. Dr. Ackell stated that our enrollment projections look good this fall. We have a fix on headcount but it will be a while before we have good data on FTE's. FTE's, of course, are what our budget is based upon.
5. Dr. Ackell reported that we have been cited by the Office of Civil Rights for a number of non-compliance items under Section 504 (handicapped). These items range from wording on application forms to structural changes needed in campus buildings. Dr. Ackell stated that very little money has been allocated at the State or Federal level to help institutions and agencies make all the necessary changes. We are, of course, making improvements with the funds we were allocated.
6. Dr. Ackell reported that with the departure of Ron Beller, he had made some changes in the organization of the University. The Department of Public Safety will now report to Jim Guerdon and the Departments of Audit and Personnel will report to the President. On a day-to-day operating basis, the Departments of Personnel and Audit will report to Don Bruegman.
7. Dr. Ackell stated that last Friday a number of administrators along with Mrs. Satterfield and Mr. Wyatt attended a Faculty Senate/Administrative retreat at the Larrick Center. Dr. Ackell continued that it was a long session, but it enabled participants to meet each other and enabled the Faculty Senators to hear the administration's and Board's point of view on certain issues.
8. Dr. Ackell reported that the search for a Vice President for Health Sciences is almost complete. Candidates will be brought in soon for members of the administration and Board to meet.

The Vice President for University Advancement search is opening up again. Dr. Grace Harris will be chairing this committee.

Two dean search committees are progressing -- nursing and pharmacy. We plan to identify replacements for Doris Yingling and Warren Weaver before they step down in June.

9. Dr. Ackell reported that during the past 18 months two task forces have been working on governance and on tenure and promotion. Both of these reports are of significance to the faculty. Dr. Ackell reported that it will be an interesting year as we work to bring closure on these two documents. These two reports will then be considered by the Board.

Mrs. Satterfield reported that the orientation session given by the administration for members of the Board was excellent. She thanked all of those Board members who took time from their busy schedules to attend.

Dr. Ackell reported that there had been a shooting incident at the MCV Hospitals yesterday and that it involved an inmate. Dr. Ackell stated that the hospital administration has presented a proposal to the State requesting that we return the old South Hospital to the State for renovation as a treatment center for inmate patients. Dr. Ackell continued that MCV would staff such a facility. Dr. Ackell stated that we need to move the patients from the correctional facilities away from other patients to avoid future such incidents.

The report of the contracts signed since the July Board of Visitors' meeting was reviewed by the Board.

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

WHEREAS, the authority to act as chief executive officer of the University in the temporary absence or disability of the President of the University has heretofore resided in the person occupying the position of Executive Vice-President of the University; and

WHEREAS, in view of the imminent vacancy in that position, the Board of Visitors of the University desires to vest in the person occupying the position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs of the University similar authority as has previously been vested in the Executive Vice-President, as well as such other authority as is commensurate with the responsibilities of that position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University that the Vice-President for Academic Affairs of the University and the incumbent in that position, Dr. Wayne C. Hall, is hereby vested with such authority as would enable said individual to function effectively as Acting President of Virginia Commonwealth University in the temporary absence and/or disability of the President of the University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in furtherance of the authority hereby vested, the said Vice-President for Academic Affairs is hereby and hereafter authorized, in either the capacity of Vice-President for Academic Affairs or Acting President, to sign, execute and enter into contracts, agreements and other similar documents on behalf of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University, provided such contracts are in furtherance of the business of the University and are in accord with the established policies of the Commonwealth and the University, and is similarly authorized to sign and execute checks,

drafts, and other similar funds, or other similar sources owned, controlled, or maintained by or entrusted to the University and its Board.

Mrs. Satterfield reported that there had been no meeting of the Executive Committee since the last Board meeting. However, she would like to schedule a meeting of the Executive Committee for Thursday, October 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at 910 West Franklin Street.

Mr. Wyatt reported that the Academic Policy Committee had not met. However, they are in the process of setting up a dinner meeting with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate for October.

The Audit Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

There has been no meeting of the Hospital Committee since July. There is a meeting scheduled in October.

Mrs. Bemiss reported that the Property Committee met on September 9. Mrs. Bemiss reported that we had received word from both our consulting engineers and the architect that discharges from the power plant stacks would present no health hazard to the new hospital. The precast exterior for the new hospital is being installed and the contractor indicates that it should be completed by December 24. The renovation of the old Richmond Eye Hospital has begun. In an agreement reached with the Historic Landmarks Commission, the facade of the Ziegler House (next door to the Putney Houses) will be left in place when the rest of the building is razed to accommodate parking behind it. The Property Committee approved the working drawings of the Pharmacy/Pharmacology Building. Mr. Bruegman showed a sample of the mortar and the brick that would be used on the exterior of this building. Mrs. Bemiss reported that the auditorium wing of the Student Commons Building may be a separate bid from the main structure. Prior to bidding the project, a determination will be made on the financial feasibility of the project to determine if a separate bid is necessary. It is the University's intention to construct the main building

and auditorium wing. Mrs. Bemiss continued that Phases I and II of the Physical Education Site Development are progressing. Funds are currently available for the multi-purpose playing field in Phase I and three tennis courts and two basketball courts in Phase II. The preliminary plans for this project were approved. On motion made and seconded, the report of the Property Committee was accepted.

Dr. Gayle reported that the Student Affairs Committee had met and had an orientation session for new members. The committee heard a report on VCU's financial aid program. The default rate at VCU on student loans has dropped from 30 percent to 19 percent. There is \$18 to \$23 million available for student loans and aid. Dr. Gayle reported that there is a mounting interest by the students to have a representative on the Board of Visitors. Dr. Gayle has informed the students that these appointments are made by the Governor. ~~and not by the Board itself.~~


On motion made, seconded and approved, the Board went into executive session to discuss certain personnel matters involving the performance of identifiable employees or faculty of VCU, and to discuss pending litigation with its attorney, and to discuss the condition, acquisition, and use of real property, and to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests, and fund-raising activities as authorized by Sections 2.1 - 344 a(1), a(2), a(6), and a(7) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Board reconvened in public session and, on motion made and seconded, approved and/or accepted the Report of the Legal Advisor, the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status, the School of Social Work Continuing Faculty and the Report of Gifts.

Mrs. Satterfield reported that the next regular meeting of the Board of Visitors will be held on November 20. Board members should hold the Wednesday evening before the meeting.

Mrs. Satterfield also reported that the Board had received thank you notes from both Dr. Blanton and Mrs. Ackell.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

  
Harold I. Nemuth, Secretary

Approved:

  
Anne P. Satterfield, Rector