

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

November 20, 1980

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, November 20, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lyons Building Student Lounge.

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

Mrs. Satterfield called the meeting to order. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors, held September 17, 1980, as amended; a Special Meeting of the Hospital Committee, held October 16, 1980; and a Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held October 23, 1980, were approved.

On motion made and seconded, the Board went into executive session to discuss potential litigation matters as authorized by Section 2.1 - 344 a(6) as authorized by the Freedom of Information Act. Following the executive session, it was announced that no formal action had been taken by the Board during the executive session.

During the Report of the President, Dr. Ackell reported on the following items:

1. Dr. Ackell stated that our headcount projections for on-campus students this fall were 18,960. Our present headcount is 19,125 on-campus students and more than 20,000 if you count off-campus, senior citizen and audit enrollments. Dr. Ackell praised the work of our admissions office and our deans in exceeding our projections. The School of Business increased its enrollment by more than 16 percent.
2. Dr. Ackell reported that, according to the American Psychology Association, the Department of Psychology at VCU is ranked number 7 relative to productivity of publications in refereed journals. He also stated that the Virginia Treatment Center, which is our principle off-campus practicum site, is ranked number 1 as the mental health center with more than three publications.

2. Dr. Ackell stated that the Black 'n Gold Men's Basketball game would be held on Friday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Franklin Street Gym. Basketball season officially opens on December 3 when VCU will play William & Mary at the Coliseum. Dr. Ackell continued that he had a block of tickets reserved and, if Board members would like to have tickets for a particular game, they should call Meg Price.
4. Dr. Ackell reported that there are a number of search committees still working. The search for the Vice President for Health Sciences has been narrowed to two candidates. The committees looking for Deans for Pharmacy and Nursing are still at work.
5. Dr. Ackell happily stated that the University had once again exceeded its United Way goal of \$80,811. He continued that he was proud of the hard work by Mr. Gerald J. Maier, Chairman, and his assistants, Dr. John Andrako, Dr. William Duvall, Dr. William Judd Mr. John Marsh.
6. Dr. Ackell stated that the senior staff had participated in a one-day retreat to discuss the priorities for the coming biennium. A follow-up retreat will be held in the spring of next year.
7. Dr. Ackell reported that Campus Guest Day was held on Saturday, November 8. There were 750 visitors on campus that day. He continued that this program was part of the recruitment program of the Admissions Office and they have been very successful over the past few years.
8. Dr. Ackell stated that he had attended a number of professional meetings this fall including the American Council on Education, the Association of Academic Health Centers, the Medical Society of Virginia, and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. Dr. Ackell continued that these meetings have had good programs dealing with major issues facing higher education in this decade. He also reported that at the NASULGC session, a five-member task force was appointed to look at how federal regulations affect higher education. Dr. Ackell indicated that he had been asked to serve as one of the five members.
9. Dr. Ackell reported that he had some concerns over the ways that VCU's student media are functioning. He continued that he is appointing a task force to study the media and make recommendations to him. Dr. Ackell indicated that he is seeking nominations to serve on this task force from the President of the Academic Campus Student Association, the President of the MCV Campus Student Government Association and the President of the Faculty Senate.
10. Dr. Ackell reported that "Trot for Tots," sponsored by the MCVH Auxiliary, was held on Sunday, November 2 and \$2,500 was raised for the hospitals.

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

Mrs. Satterfield reported that the Executive Committee of the Board had met on October 30, 1980. At that meeting, the Committee approved a resolution authorizing a loan from the State Treasury to renovate the former Richmond Eye Hospital and a resolution authorizing Mr. Bruce Chase, newly appointed Treasurer, to sign certain checks, drafts, etc. as they relate to his office. Mrs. Satterfield continued that Mr. Guerdon presented a very in-depth report on the University's investment policy. On motion made and seconded, the report of the Executive Committee was accepted.

Mrs. Satterfield reported that at the Wednesday evening session of the Board, Dr. Elske Smith, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, presented a very in-depth report on that school.

Mr. Wyatt reported that the Academic Policy Committee had met to consider changing the name of the School of Community Services to the School of Community and Public Affairs. Mr. Wyatt continued that the Academic Policy Committee had approved recommending this change to the Board with an effective date of July 1, 1981. On motion made and seconded, the Board approved changing the name of the School of Community Services to the School of Community and Public Affairs.

Mrs. Thalhimer reported that the Audit Committee had met on November 10, 1980, and the first part of the meeting was devoted to a mini-orientation for new Committee members. She also reported that the Audit Committee will be reviewing the management letter for both the Hospital and the University within the near future. Mrs. Thalhimer stated that Mr. Johnson will be presenting time utilization reports of the internal audit staff to the Audit Committee on an annual basis. He will present quarterly reports on audit findings. The Audit Committee endorsed the hiring of a construction auditor within the Internal Audit Department. The

Committee also reaffirmed the present reporting relationship of the Internal Audit Department to the President of the University and to the Audit Committee of the Board of Visitors and accepted a report on personnel matters relating to internal control at the University in executive session.

Mr. Grey reported that the Hospital Committee met and held an orientation for its new committee members. Mr. Lash reported to the Committee that the hospital's income is up, hospital collections are up and hospital stays are up. Mr. Grey stated that construction has begun on the Cancer Center as well as the renovation work on the former Richmond Eye Hospital. The new hospital is due to be completed late in 1981. A question was raised concerning the length of stays at MCVH. It was pointed out that patients have longer stays at MCVH because of the type of highly specialized care for many patients and because of the nature of being a teaching hospital.

Mrs. Bemiss reported that the Property Committee had met twice since the last Board meeting. On October 28, the Committee reviewed and approved the Capital Outlay Process. Mrs. Bemiss stated that there are three major changes in the new process. First, approval of the selection of a specific architectural firm will no longer be required by the Board for projects less than \$500,000 since architects would be selected in accordance with a Board approved Architect Selection policy; secondly, the Board would no longer approve Working Drawings since these drawings reaffirm decisions previously made of the preliminary drawings; and thirdly, approval of projects costing less than \$200,000 would be delegated to the administration.

At the November 18 meeting of the Property Committee, the preliminaries for Phase II of the Low-Rise Dormitory were reviewed. The revised program plan calls for motel-type units for 384 students. Concern was expressed by the Committee

regarding the total floor space and the lack of lounge space in the rooms and throughout the entire facility. The Property Committee suggested that the Student Affairs Committee review the programming for the low-rise dormitory and determine whether the needs of the students will be met and to review the furnishings for the combination lounge/meeting rooms. The Committee also requested that Glave, Newman, Anderson take the comments of the Committee and rework the design to increase the usable space in the rooms and that the plans for this facility be reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee. The working drawings for the Cary Street Gym were approved by the Property Committee. The preliminary drawings for the VCU Meeting Center were reviewed with the Committee and a construction management approach for this project was authorized.

Dr. Gayle reported that the Student Affairs Committee had met on October 23 with representatives of the Academic Campus Student Association. He indicated that a number of good points were raised by the students present. The next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for December 11 at 7:30 a.m.

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, 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.

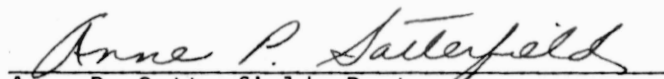
The Board reconvened in public session and, on motion made and seconded, approved and/or accepted the Report of the Legal Advisor, the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status, and the Report of Gifts. The Report of the Honorary Degree Committee was postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harold I. Nemuth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Harold I. Nemuth, Secretary

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne P. Satterfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.  
Anne P. Satterfield, Rector