

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
November 17, 1983

A meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, November 17, 1983, at 9:00 a.m. in the University Meeting Center.

Present were Messrs. Allen, Craigie, Lipman, Ludeman, Morris and Smith; Mesdames Bemiss, Thalhimer and Whittemore; and Drs. Coleman and Nemuth. Absent were Messrs. Cotten, Farinholt, Grey and Reynolds; and Dr. Gayle. Also present were Drs. Ackell, Hall, Salley, Sparks, Wilson and Woods; Messrs. Guerdon, Ross and Ware; and Mrs. Price. Ms. Kass Tinker, Student representative to the Board was absent.

Mr. Ludeman called the meeting to order and announced that Dr. Ackell was meeting with the School of Medicine Accreditation Team and would be joining the meeting shortly.

On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors held September 22, 1983, were approved.

Mr. Guerdon presented the Report of Contracts signed since the September Board meeting. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Report of Contracts was ratified with Mrs. Whittemore abstaining.

Mr. Guerdon presented a signed copy of a specimen bond issue to Dr. Hal Nemuth, Secretary of the Board, who signed over 9,000 bonds on behalf of the Board during the closing in New York.

Mr. Ludeman reported that the Council of Visitors had recently met and one of the items of discussion was the position paper on higher

education released by the Council of Presidents. Following that meeting, the Executive Committee of the Council of Visitors released a statement that the Council felt it was unfortunate that the presidents' paper was perceived by some to be critical of the present administration and that the Council of Visitors was supportive of the issues presented in this paper. Mr. Ludeman stated that the newspaper accounts of this meeting indicated that the Visitors had discussed a general tax increase. He stated that this was not mentioned in any of the discussions that took place. Mr. Ludeman reported that he had phoned the Governor and the Chairman of the Council of Visitors regarding these inaccurate statements.

Mr. Smith reported on behalf of the Executive Committee which met on October 20, 1983. At that meeting, the Committee reviewed the Year-End and Quarterly Budget Reports as well as some executive session items. On motion made and seconded, the minutes of a meeting held October 20, 1983, were approved and the Report of the Executive Committee was accepted.

Mrs. Whittemore reported for the Academic Policy Committee that met on October 19, 1983. At that meeting, the Committee reviewed the role and mission of the Committee. The Committee also recommended approval to the Board of the proposed modified graduate engineering program. Mrs. Whittemore reported that a lengthy discussion was held on the best way to interact with the State Council on the engineering proposal. Mr. Ludeman requested that any promotion of this program with external groups should be handled by the Advancement Committee.

Mrs. Whittemore also reported that a brief discussion had been held regarding the Statewide study on computer education. A number of questions were raised concerning the negative publicity that the University received on this issue. On motion made and seconded, the Board requested the Academic Policy Committee to review the Task Force Report on Computer Education and report its findings to the Board.

On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the Minutes of a Meeting of the Academic Policy Committee held October 19, 1983, and accepted the Committee's report.

Mr. Craigie reported for the Advancement Committee. He stated that the Committee had met on September 22, 1983, with Mr. Charles Brecht and Mr. Don Wiley of Brakeley, John Price Jones, Inc.

The Committee also met on October 3, 1983, and discussed a number of items in executive session relating to fund-raising activities.

The Committee met on November 7, 1983, and made several recommendations for Board approval. However, these items will be discussed during the Board's executive session. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Advancement Committee was accepted and the Minutes of meetings held on September 22, October 3 and November 7, 1983, were approved.

Mrs. Whittemore reported for the Audit Committee which had met before the September Board meeting and made its report. The November meeting is being rescheduled. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting of the Audit Committee held September 21 were approved.

Dr. Coleman reported for the Hospital Committee which met on September 15. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting of the Hospital Committee, held September 15, 1983, were approved.

Dr. Coleman reported that the Hospital Committee had also met on October 13, 1983, and received a financial status report on the hospital's operations. A report was also received on construction projects underway that relate to the hospital. Mr. Lash announced that Mr. Reed Fraley was leaving MCVH to assume the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Privileges for four members of staff were approved. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Hospital Committee was accepted and the minutes of a meeting held October 13, 1983, were approved.

Dr. Coleman reported that the Property Committee had met on October 11, 1983. Approval was given for the contract for the Student Commons Sitework. The contractor will be Construction Development Corporation. In addition, Odell Associates was recommended as the architect for the preplanning study for the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Scanning Unit Facility. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Property Committee was accepted and the minutes of a meeting held October 11, 1983, were approved.

Dr. Coleman reported for the Student Affairs Committee which met on October 6 and November 3, 1983. The October meeting was an orientation to student life from the student point of view. The November meeting was a presentation by Dr. John Corazzini on the counseling services at the University. On motion made and seconded, the Reports of the

October and November meetings were accepted and the minutes of a meeting held October 6, 1983, were approved.

The Report of the President followed. Dr. Ackell reported on the following items:

1. Mr. Virginius Dabney, former Rector of the VCU Board of Visitors and noted historian, has been appointed as a "University Scholar-in-Residence." The Scholar-in-Residence serves the University Libraries through work with the special collections and archives divisions.
2. On October 17, a luncheon was held at the President's home for approximately 70 emeriti faculty. Efforts have been underway to organize this group of individuals who have given so much to the University. One project of this organization has been the establishment of the Free University for Seniors.

This program has recently gotten underway and is offering two courses this session. The first course is entitled, "Behind the Headlines -- What's Really Happening in Richmond, Washington and Around the World" and is attracting approximately 75 persons per session. The second course is a "Study of the 20th Century Novel" and is filled to its limit of 18 participants. This program is being coordinated through our Continuing Studies and Public Service Office.

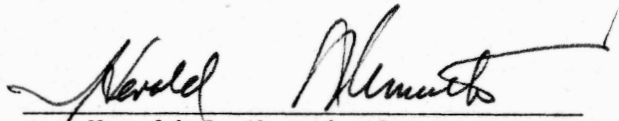
3. A recent report judging frequency of publication in the Journal of Counseling Psychology shows our Counseling Program in Psychology is the 11th in the nation in productivity. According to John P. Hill, Chairman of the Psychology Department, it is projected that VCU will move into the top 10 in the country if we are not already there. This projection is based on the fact that additional faculty have been added in this department including Professor Stanley R. Strong (who is the most cited living author in the field).
4. The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges just concluded its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The major issues discussed at this meeting were academic requirements in athletics, the role of the presidents in the NCAA, public institutions in fund raising and pending legislation in Washington regarding health care, higher education and student financial aid.
5. Last week, a meeting was held with members of the Metro Delegation in the General Assembly. Nine members attended this meeting and our budgetary priorities were discussed.

6. In early October, a meeting was held with our Alumni Legislative Advisory Committee. Approximately 65 alumni attended and Senator Willey was present to give the luncheon address. This group will be helping with our budgetary priorities during the General Assembly session.
7. The School of Medicine Accreditation Team has been on campus this week and their final report should be issued in six to eight weeks. This will be a very positive report and the School will receive a seven to ten year accreditation.

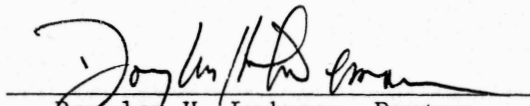
On motion made and seconded, the Board convened into executive session to discuss certain personnel matters involving the performance of identifiable employees or faculty of VCU, and to discuss pending litigation with its attorney, and to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities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

Following executive session, on motion made and seconded, the Board accepted and/or approved the Report of the Legal Advisor, the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status and the Report of Gifts. On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the recommendation of the Advancement Committee including the continued planning for a capital fund campaign, and a revised timetable, organization and budget for that campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.


Harold I. Nemuth, Secretary

Approved:


Douglas H. Ludeman, Rector