

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS
OF VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
November 14, 1984

A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Wednesday, November 14, 1984, at 5:30 p.m. in the University Meeting Center.

Present were Mesdames Abady, Bemiss and Thalhimer; Messrs. Farinholt, Lipman, Reynolds and Smith; and Dr. Nemuth. Absent were Messrs. Allen, Berry, Grey, Ludeman and Morris; Drs. Gayle and Moore; and Mrs. Whittemore. Also present were Drs. Ackell, Connell and Hall; Mr. Bruegman and Mrs. Price. Mr. Randy Merrick, student representative to the Board, was also present. Representatives from the School of Education included Dr. Charles P. Ruch, Dean, Dr. William Bost, Dr. Rosemary Caffarella, Dr. Alan McLeod, Dr. John Oehler, Dr. Daisy Reed, Dr. Rizpah Welch and Dr. Gaynelle Whitlock.

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Randy Merrick, a senior medical student, who is serving as student representative to the Board of Visitors.

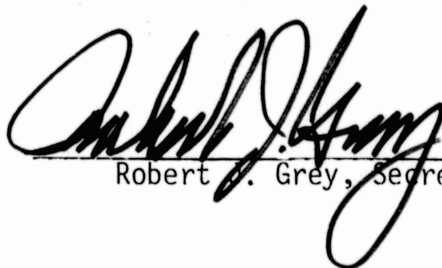
Dr. Ackell introduced Dr. Charles P. Ruch, Dean of the School of Education. He stated that the School is accredited by both the State and national accrediting agencies. Only four out of ten Schools of Education hold national accreditation. VCU's School of Education has seventy-three faculty positions, eleven of which are grant funded. Ninety-two percent of the faculty hold doctorate degrees and the average faculty member has six years experience in public schools and eleven years in higher education.

Students in the School must have a 2.2 grade point average, pass two proficiency exams and take courses in prescribed programs. In clinical teacher education, students must maintain a 2.2 grade point average and must have a 2.7 grade point average in their specialization. Ninety-five percent of the School's 1984 graduates passed all four parts of the National Teachers' Exam. Statistics for the 1983 graduates include:

- . 67% employed
- . 32% rated their education at VCU excellent
- . 58% rated their education at VCU good
- . 30% their principals rated VCU graduates as one of the very best
- . 30% their principals rated as better than most

In addition to the Master's degrees, the School also offers the Ph.D. in Urban Services which is an interdisciplinary program with Humanities and Sciences, Business, Community and Public Affairs and Social Work.

Following questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Robert J. Grey, Secretary

Approved:



W. Roy Smith, Rector