

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS  
OF VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
March 21, 1985

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, March 21, 1985, at 9 a.m. in the University Meeting Center.

Present were Messrs. Allen, Berry, Lipman, Morris, Reynolds and Smith; Drs. Gayle and Moore; Mesdames Bemiss, Thalhimer and Whittemore. Absent were Mrs. Abady; Messrs. Farinholt, Grey and Ludeman. Mr. Randy Merrick, student representative to the Board, was present. Also present were Drs. Ackell, Connell, Hall and Wilson; Messrs. Brown, Bruegman, Ross and Ware; and Mrs. Price.

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order and on motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Visitors held on January 16, 1985, and the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors held on January 17, 1985, were approved.

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

- (1) School of Education Grant -  
Dr. Ackell reported that VCU's School of Education has received a major grant of \$212,500 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant will be used to develop an interdisciplinary center for research and training of professionals who serve persons with developmental disabilities and handicapping conditions.
- (2) Commonwealth Professors -  
Dr. Ackell stated that the University will receive two Commonwealth Professors again this year. This program is part of the amended Virginia Plan for Equal Opportunity and is designed to attract outstanding black scholars from outside of Virginia.  
The University is awaiting acceptance by the two individuals. If all goes well, VCU will have a visiting professor in the

Schools of the Arts and Dentistry. This brings the University's total number of Commonwealth Professors to four which is the highest number in the State.

(3) Operational Auditing -

Dr. Ackell announced that two members of VCU's staff, Mr. Mark Mikuta, Acting Director of Internal Audit, and Mr. Carl Woo, Director of Management Services, recently conducted a seminar entitled "Operational Auditing" for the State Internal Auditor, John Huston. Mr. Huston wrote, "Both Mr. Mikuta and Mr. Woo clearly demonstrated their expertise on the subject of operational auditing and helped tie the basic teachings of the course to the real world through practical applications of the subject matter. The University is to be complimented once again in its overall effort and support of the State's internal auditing program."

(4) Dean of the Arts -

Dr. Ackell announced that Murry DePillars has recently returned from an extended visit to Malaysia where he served as an academic specialist advising the University of Science's newly formed Art Center. Dr. DePillars advised not only on curriculum, but also on the physical plant, outreach, promotion and recruitment. The Embassy spokesman noted that as Dean DePillars' reputation spread, the Department of Communications and the University of the North used his expertise. Dean DePillars was well received in Penang and the University is proud of his accomplishments.

(5) Alfred P. Sloan Foundation -

Dr. Ackell stated that the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has announced the names of 90 young scientists and economists who have been selected to receive research fellowships of \$25,000 each. Dr. James Turner, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at VCU, has been selected as a Sloan Fellow.

Mr. Smith reported for the Executive Committee which had met on February 21, 1985. He stated that the Committee reviewed the Quarterly Budget Report for the Second Quarter Ended December 31, 1984. The Committee also received a report on the University's and Hospital's compliance with the Prompt Pay Legislation. It was noted that the University and Hospital are still experiencing problems in this area but are actively involved in reviewing options for improving

compliance. Mr. Smith also stated that the Committee reviewed a legislative relations report from Mr. Ware. Mr. Reynolds, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Nominations, reported to the Executive Committee the recommendations of that Committee. After a discussion, the Executive Committee accepted the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations and requested that they be presented to the full Board in the form of proposed Bylaw changes. Mr. Smith stated that these proposed changes would be discussed in detail later in the meeting. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Executive Committee was accepted and the Minutes of a Meeting held on February 21, 1985, were approved as submitted.

Mr. Reynolds presented the two proposed Bylaw changes. The first proposal involved the size and composition of the Executive Committee. Both the main motion and a substitute motion were defeated. This proposal will not be enacted. The second proposal created a new section in the Bylaws for a Nominating Committee. It allows the Rector to appoint a Nominating Committee to recommend a candidate for the office of Rector at the May meeting. Following that election, the Rector-elect would then appoint a second Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for Vice-Rector, Secretary and the Executive Committee. The Rector-elect would serve as a member of the second Nominating Committee. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Board approved the adoption of this Bylaw change.

Mr. Bruegman presented the Report of Contracts. Following a brief presentation, on motion made and seconded, the Report of Contracts was ratified with Mrs. Whittemore and Mr. Morris abstaining.

Mrs. Whittemore reported for the Academic Policy Committee. She stated that she had previously reported on the January 16 meeting of that Committee. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting of the Academic Policy Committee, held January 16, 1985, were approved.

Mrs. Whittemore reported that the Committee met on March 20, 1985. Dr. Arnold Fleshood, Chairman of the Task Force on General Education, presented an interim report of the Task Force. Two of the major recommendations that will be forthcoming from this report will be greater emphasis on teaching in the promotion and tenure process and enhancement of teaching techniques within the University. The Committee will review the complete report once it has been through the appropriate University channels. Dr. Charles Ruch, Dean of the School of Education, briefed members of the Committee on the plans underway to implement the five-year pilot teacher education program. Dr. Ruch expressed his appreciation to the Rector and the administration for their support in securing this program for the University. Mrs. Whittemore stated that the Committee had reviewed a proposal to change the name of the Department of Business Education and Office Administration. However, the Committee was opposed to the proposed name change. Following further discussions, the Committee recommended that the name be changed to the Department of Office Management. On motion made and seconded, the name of the department was changed to the Department of Office Management. Mrs. Whittemore stated that the Committee reviewed and recommended to the Board that the name of the School of Basic Sciences be changed to the School of Basic Health Sciences. On motion made and

seconded, the name of the School was changed to the School of Basic Health Sciences. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Academic Policy Committee was accepted.

Mr. Smith reported that the Advancement Committee had met on February 19, 1985. He stated that the Committee heard reports from the Directors of Alumni Activities, Development and University Relations. The Committee also reviewed Mr. Ware's report on legislative relations. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Advancement Committee was accepted and the Minutes of a Meeting held February 19, 1985, were approved as amended.

Mr. Morris reported for the Audit Committee which met on March 20, 1985. He stated that the Committee had reviewed a number of audit reports as well as follow-up reports. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Audit Committee was accepted.

Dr. Gayle reported for the Hospital Committee which met on February 14, 1985. He stated that the Committee had received reports from Dr. Connell and Mr. Lash. The Committee also discussed the problems the Hospital is having regarding computer performance and the cost. It was noted that discussions are taking place with the State's Department of Information Technology. Dr. Gayle announced that the next meeting of the Hospital Committee would be held jointly with the Executive Committee on Thursday, April 18, 1985, at 9 a.m. in the University Meeting Center. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Hospital Committee was accepted and the Minutes of a Meeting held February 14, 1985, were approved.

Mr. Berry reported for the Property Committee. He stated that the Committee reviewed and approved contracts with A.D. Whittaker for the installation of the boilers on the MCV Campus Power Plant; Central Builders, Inc., for renovation of the Hibbs Building; and Henningson, Durham and Richardson for a preplanning study for the Corrections Unit at MCV Hospitals. Mr. Berry stated that certain matters pertaining to the Capital Outlay Budget Requests for 1986-88 would be discussed in executive session before approval was recommended. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Property Committee was accepted and the Minutes of a Meeting held on March 5, 1985, were approved.

Mr. Reynolds reported for the Student Affairs Committee. He stated that the Committee had not met since the January meeting. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting held on January 10, 1985, were approved.

Mr. Smith announced the appointment of the Nominating Committee to nominate a candidate for the position of Rector at the May meeting. Serving will be Mr. Robert J. Grey, Chairman, Mr. Eric M. Lipman and Mr. Philip B. Morris.

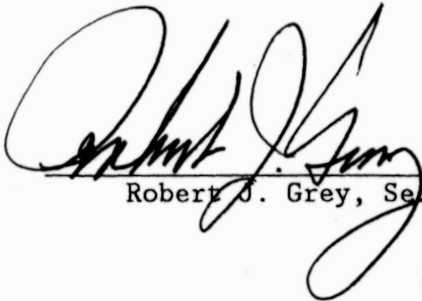
Mr. Smith announced that he planned to appoint a Presidential Evaluation Committee this year. However, he noted that he would like consideration to be given to change the Bylaws so that a Presidential Evaluation does not take place but every three to five years rather than annually. Serving as members of this year's Evaluation Committee will be Mr. William G. Reynolds, Jr., Chairman, Mesdames Margaret Bemiss and Anne Marie Whittemore. This Committee was requested to

report at the May meeting so that the evaluation can be used in conjunction with Dr. Ackell's proposed salary increase.

On motion made, seconded and approved, the Committee 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 the condition, acquisition or use of real property, and to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, and to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests, and fund-raising activities and matters relating to honorary degrees and special awards as authorized by Section 2.1-344 a(1), a(2), a(3), a(6), a(7) and a(8) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Following executive session, on motion made and seconded, the Board accepted the Report of the Legal Advisor; accepted the Report of Gifts; approved Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status, including the appointment of Dr. James J. McGovern as Assistant Vice President for Health Sciences; approved Departmental and Consultative Privileges; approved Promotion and Tenure Recommendations; accepted the Report of the President; accepted the recommendations for recipients of honorary degrees; accepted the Executive Session Committee Reports; approved Policies on Gifts of Art, Gifts-in-Kind Other Than Art, and Guidelines on Recognition of Donors and Friends; and approved the priority ranking on Capital Outlay Requests for the 1986-88 Biennium and the submission of priorities 1,2,3,4 and 6 for Capital Outlays for General Funds and priorities 9 and 10 for Non-General Funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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Robert J. Grey, Secretary

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W. Roy Smith, Rector