

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

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

Present were Mesdames Abady, Bemiss and Whittemore; Messrs. Allen, Gregory, Grey, Lipman, Ludeman, Morris, Reynolds, Smith and Wurtzel; and Drs. Holland and Moore. Absent were Messrs. Berry and Farinholt. Also present was Mr. Tilden Good, student representative to the Board, and Drs. Ackell, Connell, Ruch, and Sparks; 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors held on September 19, 1985, were approved.

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

1. Enrollment

Dr. Ackell stated that at the last Board meeting, a preliminary report on VCU's Fall 1985 enrollment was given. Dr. Ackell noted that a packet of material on this Fall's enrollment was included in the agenda. Total head count enrollment was 19,977 compared to 19,984 in 1984. Because of a richer mix of full-time and part-time students, FTE's will be up slightly.

2. Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

Dr. Ackell announced that he had received a letter from Justice Powell thanking VCU for the honorary degree which was awarded to him on October 8. Dr. Ackell shared the letter with members of the Board.

3. Board of the VCU Alumni Association (Academic Division)
Dr. Ackell stated that on October 29, 1985, the Board of the VCU Alumni Association (Academic Division) met and elected officers and instated its new directors. Elected officers are:

President - Thomas B. Lawrence, Jr., B.S., Management '65,
(President of Equity Associates)

Treasurer - Roger A. Nicholson, B.S., Psychology '68, (Coordinator of Ministries & Higher Education, Hanover Presbytery)

Secretary - Marsha S. Shuler, B.S. Economics, '74 and M.A. Economics, '79, (Manager, Planning Department, Federal Reserve Bank)

Dr. Ackell noted that the Board is seeking to take on a more active role to enhance alumni participation in the University.
4. Annual Giving Dinner
Dr. Ackell reported that the President's Annual Giving Dinner was held on October 11, 1985, in the Performing Arts Center. This was the second Annual Giving Dinner that the University has given and was the first donor recognition event of this type to be held on campus. One hundred thirty-two guests attended this highly successful function.
5. Switzer Scholars in Rehabilitation
Dr. Ackell announced that Dr. Paul Wehman, Director of VCU's Rehabilitation Research Training Center in the School of Education, has been named one of the twenty Switzer Scholars in Rehabilitation for 1985. He was named in recognition of his leadership, expertise and achievements in work dealing with programs for disabled youths making the transition to competitive employment.
6. National Cancer Institute Outstanding Investigator Grant
Dr. Ackell reported that Dr. I. David Goldman, a Professor of Medicine, has received a \$2.5 million National Cancer Institute Outstanding Investigator Grant to support cancer research in his laboratory for the next seven years. Dr. Goldman is investigating how drugs are transported into cancer cells and, once inside the cell, how these drugs attack targets to cause cancer cell death.
7. Grant from the National Institute of Dental Research
Dr. Ackell reported that Dr. Richard Ranney, Professor of Periodontics and Assistant Dean of Research in the School of Dentistry, has been awarded a \$1.8 million, five-year grant to study whether genetics influence the occurrence of gum disease

in juveniles. The grant is from the National Institute of Dental Research.

8. Anderson Gallery

Dr. Ackell stated that the Anderson Gallery's application for an Institute of Museum Services Operating Support Award was judged the best among 1,264 museums applying for the grants. The Institute is an independent agency within the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities. Quality in the competition was defined as the judicious management of a museum's available resources to provide the best possible services to its community and general public.

9. Grant for Geriatric Education Center

Dr. Ackell announced that the Gerontology Department in the School of Allied Health Professions has received a grant of \$756,690 to establish a Geriatric Education Center. The grant is from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and will fund the Center's operation for three years. The Geriatric Education Center will serve as a resource for the health community throughout Virginia in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases and other health concerns of the elderly. It also will strengthen training of professionals by providing clinical and teaching instruction through workshops, videotapes and teleconferences.

10. Synthetic Peptide Laboratory

Dr. Ackell reported that the Biotechnology Institute of Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology has established a synthetic peptide laboratory at the Biotechnology Institute's headquarters at VCU. The total project costs \$201,774. Funding came from CIT, the Biotechnology Institute and a \$40,000 contribution from A. H. Robins, Inc. The lab will allow the Biotechnology Institute to provide CIT-affiliated universities and industries with synthetic peptides in research projects evaluating cellular functions at the molecular level.

Following Dr. Ackell's Report, a question regarding VCU's Fall enrollment was asked concerning the number of acceptances versus the number of applicants. Dr. Ruch stated that the pool of applicants was much richer with better qualified students. He noted that the admission standards have not been lowered to achieve the enrollment projections. A request was made to have a report on the SAT's of entering students and their high school class ranking.

Mr. Bruegman presented the Report of Contracts. Following his presentation, on motion made and seconded, the contracts were ratified with Mrs. Whittemore and Mr. Morris abstaining.

Mr. Smith reported on behalf of the Executive Committee. He stated that the Committee had reviewed the Quarterly Budget Performance Report for Educational and General Funds for the First Quarter Ended September 30, 1985, the Prompt Pay Statistics, and had approved the continued negotiations with the Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital leading to the finalization of an agreement of affiliation. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Executive Committee was accepted and the Minutes of a Meeting held on October 10, 1985, were approved.

Mrs. Whittemore reported on behalf of the Academic Policy Committee. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting held on September 18, 1985, were approved. She stated that the Committee had met on November 20, 1985, with representatives of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Caucus and the Academic Planning Committee. The purpose of this meeting was for members of the Committee to have contact with the faculty leadership. Mrs. Whittemore stated that Dr. Haver, Chairman of the Academic Planning Committee, reviewed the process used by the Committee and that the Committee's charge now is to come up with some specific recommendations.

Mrs. Whittemore noted that the Ph.D. in Nursing appeal had been denied by the Council of Higher Education Board. She stated that the motion was to approve both the George Mason and VCU proposals and it failed on a four to four tie. She stated that some parliamentary rules

are being reviewed and hopefully another vote can be taken. Members of the Academic Policy Committee are being asked to contact members of the Council Board concerning this proposal.

Mrs. Whittemore also reported that a proposal is being developed for a joint degree program with the University of Richmond leading to a degree in Health Administration and a law degree. The Committee will be reviewing the details of this proposal at its next meeting. On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Academic Policy Committee was accepted.

Mr. Smith reported on behalf of the Advancement Committee. He stated that the October meeting had been cancelled and the next meeting would be held on December 16. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the progress of the fund-raising program.

Mr. Morris reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting held on September 18, 1985, were approved. Mr. Morris stated that the remainder of his report would be given during executive session.

Mr. Reynolds reported for the Hospital Committee. He stated that the Committee will be discussing strategic planning for the medical center at its next meeting. The Committee reviewed the financial information from the hospital and were pleased with the progress being made. The hospital has achieved 95 percent compliance under the Prompt Pay legislation. The Committee also approved the continued negotiations with the Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital leading to the finalization of an affiliation agreement. On motion made and seconded,

the Minutes of a Meeting held on October 24, 1985, were approved and the Report of the Hospital Committee was accepted.

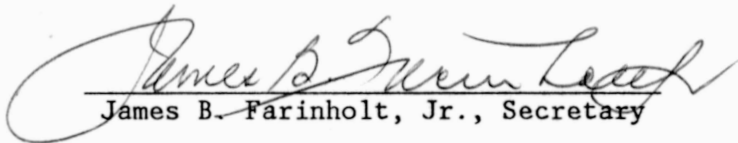
Mr. Lipman reported that the Property Committee had reviewed a number of items which were reported in the Report of Contracts. He stated that the remainder of his report would be given in executive session. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting held on October 7, 1985, were approved and the Report of the Property Committee was accepted.

Mr. Lipman reported on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee. He stated that in an effort to increase the liaison between the two campuses, the Committee would alternate its meeting sites. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4 at the University Meeting Center and will be on the topic of career planning. On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting held on October 3, 1985, were approved and the Report of the Student Affairs Committee was accepted.

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 the evaluation of performance of departments or schools of VCU where such matters regarding such individuals might be affected by such evaluation, and to discuss the condition, acquisition or use of real property, and to discuss legal matters and pending litigation with its attorney, and to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, and to discuss honorary degrees and special awards as authorized by Section 2.1-344 a(1), a(2), 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, approved Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status, approved Full Departmental Privileges, accepted the Report of Gifts, accepted the Report of the President, approved the Report of the Special Awards Committee, approved continued negotiations with the Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital leading to the finalization of an agreement of affiliation within 60 days, and accepted the Executive Session Committee Reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.


James B. Farinholt, Jr., Secretary

Approved:



W. Roy Smith, Rector