

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS  
OF VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
February 19, 1993

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Friday, February 19, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. in the University Meeting Center.

Present were Messrs. Gregory (Rector), Siegel and Whitworth; and Mrs. Epps. Dr. Holland was absent. Also present were Drs. Trani and Chait, and Dr. Tom Holland; and Mrs. Price.

The following items were discussed:

1. Orientation:

- . Involve faculty and students.
- . Board mentorship program (night before orientation, Senior Board members would have dinner with new Board members).
- . Have all Board members undergo orientation.
- . As part of continuing orientation, have non-business meeting once a year -- "Presidential Overview."
- . Bus Tours.
- . Survey senior Board members - "What do you know now that you wish you knew then?"
- . Objective of Orientation:
  - . inform
  - . inspire
  - . invest
  - . include
- . Meeting with President and Rector.  
Committee Chairs should brief new Committee members.
- . To assist new Board members on meeting everyone, seating assignments should be shuffled.
- . Once a year, have meeting at a different location, casual dress, etc.
- . Bring campus to life - every Board meeting tell a story about campus life (i.e., security guard saving woman from car jacking).

2. Design Information System

- . Have senior staff relate topics of discussion to Strategic Issues.
- . Staff should consult in advance with Rector or Committee

Chairs.

- . Develop inventory of what's legally required to have Board Action.
  - . Remove informational material from Board agenda.
  - . Provide inventory of reports presented to Committees from which any Board member can request any item they wish.
  - . Board should focus on policy issues.
  - . Policy items should have cover sheet that focuses on 3-4 issues.
- Board should ask:
- . Why is it on my agenda?
  - . What do you want me to do about it?
3. Increase Board's familiarity with National Issues
- . --- From a list of 10-15 issues, select 2 issues that Board would most like to know more about.
- . Following presentation on selected issues, break into small groups to discuss relevance to VCU.
  - . Dedicate three (3) of the six (6) evening programs to this type of discussion.
  - . Program should have sizzle.
4. Design annual process to include Strategic Issues.
- Have annual Retreat.
- . Schedule this at time meetings are set for the year.
  - . Schedule late August (prior to September annual meeting).
  - . Overview strategic planning at that time.
  - . Answer question -- Where are we on our two plans?
5. Determine the need and format for Board Retreats
- See above

On motion made and seconded, the Committee approved President Trani's acceptance of a corporate Board directorship.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee 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 as authorized by Section 2.1-344 a(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Following executive session, on motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by Roll Call Vote:

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Virginia Commonwealth University hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES

NAYS

Mr. Roger L. Gregory, Rector	X	
Mr. F. Dixon Whitworth, Jr.	X	
Mrs. Rozanne G. Epps	X	
Dr. William E. Holland	Absent	
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel	X	

VOTE:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 1

ABSENT DURING VOTING: 1

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.