A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY May 11, 2000

A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. in the University Meeting Center located at 101 North Harrison Street.

Present were Messrs. Flippen, Axselle, Markel, Plymale, Pyon, Rigsby, Townes and Weinberg; and Drs. Long, Perkinson and Smith. Mesdames Benner and Miles; Dr. Wootton; and Messrs. Gresham Smith were absent. Also present were Drs. Trani, Huff, Kontos, Macrina, McDavis, Rhone and Self; Messrs. Blanks, Gehring, Ross, Timmreck and Wyeth; and Mesdames Messmer and Price.

Mr. Flippen called the meeting to order. The meeting included a presentation by Dr. Trani, Dr. McDavis and Ms. Messmer on Virginia Commonwealth University's initiative to move from Tier 3 to Tier 2 for undergraduate programs as ranked by *U. S. News & World Report.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Edward L. Flippen, Rector

Lindley T. Smith, Secretary