

VCU Board of Visitors

V i r g i n i a C o m m o n w e a l t h U n i v e r s i t y

February 12, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Visitors

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. in the Richmond Salons located in the University Student Commons at 907 Floyd Avenue.

Present were Messrs. Rosenthal (Rector), Hurtado, Jackson, Jones, Robertson, Siegel and Snead; Drs. Doswell, Romano and Shapiro; and Mesdames Lambert and Rhodes. Drs. Bersoff and Broaddus; and Messrs. Baldacci and McCandlish were absent. On motion made and seconded, the Board convened into closed session for the purposes of discussion, consideration and/or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and matters related thereto, including consideration of candidates for the position of President of Virginia Commonwealth University, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Following closed session, on motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by roll call vote:

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 closed session meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes	Nays
Mr. Thomas G. Rosenthal, Rector	X	
Mr. David G. Baldacci	Absent	
Dr. Edward H. Bersoff	Absent	
Dr. J. Alfred Broaddus, Jr.	Absent	
Dr. John C. Doswell II	X	
Mr. Arthur D. Hurtado	X	
Mr. Brian K. Jackson	X	
Mr. Maurice A. Jones	X	
Ms. Lillian L. Lambert	X	
Mr. Thomas W. McCandlish	Absent	
Mrs. Anne J. G. "Panny" Rhodes	X	
Mr. Richard T. Robertson	X	
Dr. Michele A. Romano	X	
Dr. Carol S. Shapiro	X	
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel	X	
Mr. Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	X	

Total votes

Ayes: 12; Nays: 0; Absent during meeting: 4; Absent during voting: 4

The Board reconvened in the University Student Commons Theater to hear a presentation by Dr. Harold “Bud” Hodgkinson. Dr. Hodgkinson, President of Hodgkinson Associates, Ltd., is a noted educational demographer and is the former director of the Center for Demographic Policy at the Institute for Education Leadership. Following the presentation, the Board reconvened in Richmond Salons 1 and 2. Present were Messrs. Rosenthal (Rector), Hurtado, Jackson, Jones, Robertson, Siegel and Snead; Drs. Bersoff, Doswell, Romano and Shapiro; and Mesdames Lambert and Rhodes. Dr. Broaddus; and Messrs. Baldacci and McCandlish were absent. Also present were Drs. Trani, Gottfredson, Huff, Macrina, Moriarty, Portch and Retchin; Messrs. Bennett, Bunce, Gehring, Ohlinger, Ross and Wyeth; and Mesdames Atkinson, Balmer, Lepley, and Messmer. Ms. Aguilar, staff representative to the Board, Ms. Sikka, student representative to the Board, and Mr. Ream, faculty representative to the Board, were also present.

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Vice President for Health Sciences presented a report on VCU’s Budget: “Addressing Reductions in State Support.”

On motion made and seconded, the Board convened into closed session to discuss certain personnel matters and matters relating to the appointment, promotion, performance and salaries of identifiable employees and faculty of VCU and to discuss the performance of departments or schools of VCU where such matters regarding such individuals might be affected by such evaluations including the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status and other Personnel Actions; to discuss the acquisition or use of real property for public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in a open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of VCU, including the acquisition of property on or adjacent to the Monroe Park Campus; and to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual and probable litigation, and other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel, including the Report of the General Counsel; to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests, and fundraising activities and grants and contracts for services or work to be performed by such institution, including the approval of the Named Funds Report and Facility Naming Recommendations, and an update on the development activities, and to discuss matters relating to honorary degrees and special awards, including the Report of the Student Affairs Committee as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A(1), A(3), A(6), A(7), A(8) and A(10) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Following closed session, on motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by roll call vote: 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 closed session meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes	Nays
Mr. Thomas G. Rosenthal, Rector	X	
Mr. David G. Baldacci	Absent	
Dr. Edward H. Bersoff	X	
Dr. J. Alfred Broaddus, Jr.	Absent	
Dr. John C. Doswell II	X	
Mr. Arthur D. Hurtado	X	
Mr. Brian K. Jackson	X	
Mr. Maurice A. Jones	X	
Ms. Lillian L. Lambert	X	
Mr. Thomas W. McCandlish	Absent	
Mrs. Anne J. G. “Panny” Rhodes	X	
Mr. Richard T. Robertson	X	
Dr. Michele A. Romano	X	
Dr. Carol S. Shapiro	X	
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel	X	
Mr. Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	X	

Total votes

Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Absent during meeting: 3; Absent during voting: 3

On motion made and seconded, the Board accepted the report of the President; approved the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status and other Personnel Actions; approved the Named Funds Report and Facility Naming Recommendation; approved the Acquisition of Property on or adjacent to the Monroe Park Campus with Mr. Jackson abstaining; accepted the recommendations of the Student Affairs Committee for the Board of Visitors Award Selection; accepted the closed session Committee Reports; and accepted the Report of the General Counsel.

On motion made and seconded, the following Agenda Action Items were approved, as amended:

1. Board of Visitors
 - Minutes of a meeting held November 19 and 20, 2008
 - Minutes of a Meeting held January 8, 2009
2. Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee
 - Proposal to Create a Division of Hand Surgery in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, School of Medicine
3. Finance, Investment and Property Committee
 - Management Principles and Guidelines
 - Architect/Engineer Selection: A.D. Williams Decanting/Physical Therapy Renovations
 - Project Plans: Tennis Bubble Replacement

On motion made and seconded, the Board convened into closed session to discuss certain personnel and related matters involving the performance of identifiable employees or faculty of VCU, and to discuss the evaluation of performance of departments, schools or units of VCU where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals, including discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment and matters related thereto, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

The Board proceeded with interviews of prospective candidates, adjourned for the evening, and then reconvened the following morning (February 13, 2009), and continued with closed session discussion. Following closed session, on motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by roll call vote:

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Roll Call Vote	Ayes	Nays
Mr. Thomas G. Rosenthal, Rector	X	
Mr. David G. Baldacci	Absent	
Dr. Edward H. Bersoff	Left before voting	
Dr. J. Alfred Broaddus, Jr.	X	
Dr. John C. Doswell II	X	
Mr. Arthur D. Hurtado	X	
Mr. Brian K. Jackson	X	
Mr. Maurice A. Jones	Left before voting	
Ms. Lillian L. Lambert	X	
Mr. Thomas W. McCandlish	Absent	
Mrs. Anne J. G. "Panny" Rhodes	X	
Mr. Richard T. Robertson	X	
Dr. Michele A. Romano	X	

Dr. Carol S. Shapiro	X
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel	X
Mr. Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	Left before voting

Total votes

Ayes: 11; Nays: 0; Absent during meeting: 2; Absent during voting: 5

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009.