

## The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board May 19, 2006

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met on Friday, May 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in the Slemp Student Center. Members present were Paul Buchanan, Bill Crutchfield, Wayne Edwards, Ron Flanary, Marcia Gilliam, Jim Gott, Don Green, Scott McDaniel, Don Pippin, Ford Quillen, Ruby Rogers, Joe Frank Smiddy, and Bill Sturgill. Members absent were Kenneth Asbury, Betty Cauthen, Mickey McGlothlin, Ronnie Montgomery, Posey Rigg, Mike Thomas, and Henry Winkler.

Chairman Jim Gott presided over the meeting. Minutes were recorded by Rue Gembach. A motion was made by Paul Buchanan and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Marcia Gilliam and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2006 meeting of the Board as presented. Both motions received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chairman: Mr. Gott reminded the Board members of the awards dinner and convocation on Friday night. He encouraged attendance on Saturday morning at the brunch and commencement ceremony. Mr. Gott introduced Brittney L. Mullins who was selected by the Executive Committee to serve as the non-voting student member of the Board for 2006-2007. He reported that the names of Mike Allen, Ernie Ern, Mike Puckett, and Dawneda Williams have been submitted to the Board of Visitors for approval for membership on the College's Board effective July 1, 2006. He also reported that the names of Michael McGlothlin, Eliza Rigg, Joe Frank Smiddy, Bill Sturgill, and Mike Thomas have been submitted to the Board of Visitors for re-appointment for four year terms on the College's Board with terms ending June 30, 2010.

Remarks by Chancellor: Mr. Prior reported that the College had lost two members of its family, Sam Gilbert and Buck Henson. A memorial service for Mr. Henson is scheduled for June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. Additional information will be distributed soon.

He reported that enrollment numbers are up and that there is also an increase in the number of applicants. The College is now a member of CUR – Council of Undergraduate Research and has applied for membership in COPLAC – Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges. Following an on-site visit by COPLAC representatives, the preliminary report is that the College will be recommended for membership. George Culbertson, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, has agreed to serve as liaison with technology companies such as Northrop Grumman and CGI-AMS as the Software Engineering program develops. Mr. Prior reported that conversations have begun with Steve Smith at Food City Corporation regarding information technology internships for our students.

There are 291 students slated to graduate this year, with 22 graduating with a B.S.N degree. A gift of \$2.9 million has been given to the College to endow scholarships in nursing. Mr. Prior was pleased to report that following discussions with several persons including Mickey McGlothlin, a contract has been signed with Emory and Henry College to play football, with a JV game scheduled for this fall.

Remarks by Student Member: Scott McDaniel thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the student member, saying that it had been a good experience for him. He expressed concern to the Board regarding the hours of operation of the College library. He thinks more students would use the library if it were open later than 10 p.m. on week nights and open earlier on Saturday than 1 p.m. He said that some students work or have evening classes and find it difficult to use the library during the current hours of operation.

Remarks by Alumni Association Member: Wayne Edwards said serving on the Board this year had been a very interesting and good experience and expressed his appreciation to the Board for its hard work and dedication to the College. He announced that Kathy Stewart will be the president of the Alumni Association for the 2006-2007 year. He reported that the Alumni Association has been very busy this year, naming several of the events, and that the current rate of alumni giving is 12 percent.

Special Recognitions: A motion was made by Ron Flanary and seconded by Paul Buchanan to approve a resolution of appreciation recognizing Scott McDaniel for his service on the Board as the student member for 2005-2006. A motion was made by Jim Gott and seconded by Ford Quillen to approve a resolution of appreciation recognizing Wayne Edwards for his service on the Board in his capacity as president of the Alumni Association. A motion was made by Don Pippin and seconded by Marcia Gilliam to approve a resolution recognizing Bill Crutchfield for his faithful service on the Board in his capacity as chair of the Board of Visitors Committee on the College and then as filling an unexpired term on the College's Board. A motion was made by Jim Gott and seconded by Marcia Gilliam to approve a resolution of appreciation recognizing Henry Winkler for his long and dedicated service on the College's Board. All four motions received the Board's unanimous approval. (Copies of resolutions are attached.)

Dominion Resolution: A motion was made by Ron Flanary and seconded by Don Pippin that the Board present a resolution of appreciation to Dominion Resources commending Dominion and its partners for locating a power station in Southwest Virginia. A resolution will be prepared and forwarded to the appropriate person. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

Closed Session: As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 (A-1) a motion was made by Paul Buchanan and seconded by Marcia Gilliam to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Marcia Gilliam and seconded by Bill Crutchfield to reconvene in open session. The motion received unanimous approval. As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712(d), a roll call vote was taken in open session noting only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only public business as identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting of the public body.

No action was required by the Board following closed session.

Departmental Organizational Change: A motion was made by Marcia Gilliam and seconded by Ruby Rogers to affirm the action taken by the Executive Committee on May 5 to approve a departmental change that will create a Department of Communication Studies. The motion received unanimous approval.

Departmental Name Change: A motion was made by Marcia Gilliam and seconded by Wayne Edwards to affirm the action taken by the Executive Committee on May 5 to approve changing the departmental name from the Department of Mathematical Sciences to the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The motion received unanimous approval.

Election of Board Clerk: A motion was made by Jim Gott and seconded by Paul Buchanan that Rue Gembach be elected to serve as clerk of the Board for the 2006-2007 year. The motion received unanimous approval.

Enrollment Report: Rusty Necessary, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, stated that based upon the data provided by weekly new student enrollment comparison reports, the Office of Admissions is strategically positioned to meet the established freshman enrollment goal of 405 and the transfer student enrollment goal of 155 established for fall 2006.

First Year Experience: Mr. Necessary reported that the College is committed to the on-going enhancement of the academic and co-curricular experience of all first year students. The Quality Enhancement Plan (a key component of the College's reaffirmation of accreditation) that will be implemented in the fall 2006 strives to create a linked, academic, and common experience for all first year students.

New components of the first year experience will include:

- EXPEDITION, an extended orientation program for all first year students;
- Seminar 101 and 102, a year-long introduction to the academic community with a focus on writing, discussion, and engagement;
- A common reading, The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride, will be provided to all first year students, and the College community;
- Strengthened connections for residential and commuter students; and
- Expanded role of the faculty and student mentors across the first year.

Faculty Presentation: Gil Blackburn introduced George Michael, Assistant Professor of Administration of Justice and Political Science, who made a presentation on his book, *The Enemy of My Enemy: The Alarming Convergence of Militant Islam and the Extreme Right*. An article about Mr. Michael's book was recently published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, a copy of which was distributed to the Board.

Lunch Presentations: Delegate Terry Kilgore of Gate City joined the Board for lunch, at which time he presented resolutions approved by the General Assembly. The first resolution was presented to Carroll W. Dale, who currently serves as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Athletic Development, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and service. The second resolution was presented to Joseph C. Smiddy, Chancellor Emeritus, for his many contributions in the field of education and his dedicated service to the region and the Commonwealth.

Student Presentation: Mark Clark, chair of the History Department, introduced Jessica Johnson, a history major, who made a presentation on her research on "Women in Nazi Germany."

Chancellor's Closing Remarks: In closing Mr. Prior directed attention to the clock, a gift from the Twinleaf Society, being placed near the Chapel. He said that there was a real sense of movement with work of the Campaign Cabinet that is co-chaired by Marcia Gilliam and Hunter Smith.

Chairman's Closing Remarks: Mr. Gott reminded the Board of the two miscellaneous reports included in the notebooks and reminded everyone of commencement and related activities.

There being no further business or items for discussion, upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don R. Pippin  
Secretary

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Attachments