

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

March 11, 2005

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on Friday, March 11, at 11 a.m. in the Slemp Student Center. Members present were Paul Buchanan, Don Pippin, Posey Rigg, and Joe Frank Smiddy. Others present were Jim Gott and Ernie Ern.

Paul Buchanan presided over the meeting. Minutes were taken by Rue Gembach.

Gil Blackburn, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, discussed a proposed Pre-pharmacy Collaborative Agreement: With the approval of their governing boards, the University of Appalachia and The University of Virginia's College at Wise will institute a non-exclusive collaborative arrangement making available certain of their educational offerings to students of the other institution. The University of Appalachia will provide preferential admission to students from The University of Virginia's College at Wise who desire to enter the three-year doctoral program in pharmacy. Additional information can be obtained from the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor. A motion was made by Don Pippin and seconded by Posey Rigg to forward to the Board the Pre-pharmacy Collaborative Agreement with the University of Appalachia as presented. The motion was approved.

Mr. Blackburn reported that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) requires enrollment projections every two years as part of the biennial budgeting process. With the introduction of two new majors, Computer Science and Management Systems, and the expansion of the paths to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the potential for enrollment growth has never been greater. In the past, the College set a goal of 2000 students by the year 2010. The revised version reaches 2000 students by 2007. A motion was made by Don Pippin and seconded by Joe Frank Smiddy to forward to the Board the enrollment projections as presented. The motion was approved.

Mr. Blackburn reported that the faculty evaluation system is at the heart of the academic enterprise and that faculty must be evaluated fairly and effectively. He explained the process in determining faculty performance that includes new procedures which will provide more valid information about faculty performance.

He also reported that at the faculty workshop last August a process was set in motion to define scholarly expectations for faculty members and to secure approval for the process which was set up to measure faculty performance.

He further reported that the primary purpose of the Business Advisory Committee is to assist the Business Department in its examination of its academic offerings. Interaction with corporate and college leaders will help prepare the business graduates to take their places within fast-changing corporate organizations.

Rusty Necessary, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, and Amelia Harris, Academic Dean, reported that the Quality Enhancement Plan is a critical component of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Reaffirmation process. The plan is forward looking in scope and is developed commensurate with the mission, goals, and strategic planning process of the institution. The QEP Committee, comprised of both faculty and staff, has actively engaged the campus in discussion to determine the scope of the UVa-Wise quality enhancement plan. Updates will continue to be provided to the Board on the work of the Quality Enhancement Plan Committee.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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