

Combined Meeting
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Facilities and Finance Committee
Executive Committee

November 10, 2004

Three of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board Committees (Academic and Student Affairs, Facilities and Finance, and Executive) met on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Slemple Student Center. Committee members present were Paul Buchanan, Carol Sue Gilbert, Marcia Gilliam, Jim Gott, Don Green, Larry Munsey, Tailinett Olmedo, Don Pippin, Ford Quillen, Posey Rigg, Ruby Rogers, Bill Sturgill, and Henry Winkler. Also present was Jack Kennedy.

Chairman Jim Gott presided over the meeting and minutes were taken by Rue Gembach. Chancellor Ern briefly addressed the committees, noting that the College continues to host events in celebration of its 50th Anniversary.

Gil Blackburn, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, discussed the proposed majors in Computer Science and Management Information Systems. A motion was made by Ruby Rogers and seconded by Don Pippin recommending approval of the attached resolution by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Acting on behalf of the Board, a motion was made by Marcia Gilliam and seconded by Don Pippin recommending approval of the same resolution by the Executive Committee. Both motions received unanimous approval.

Sim Ewing, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Government Relations, presented a resolution requesting approval of the rental rates for student housing for the 2005-06 year. A motion was made Larry Munsey and seconded by Carol Sue Gilbert recommending approval of the attached resolution by the Facilities and Finance Committee. Acting on behalf of the Board, a motion was made by Bill Sturgill and seconded by Marcia Gilliam recommending approval of the same resolution by the Executive Committee. Both motions received unanimous approval.

Chancellor Ern and Marcia Quesenberry, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, presented a guiding document for institutional improvement called the "Critical Priorities" document. Acting on behalf of the Board, a motion was made Ruby Rogers and seconded by Marcia Gilliam recommending approval of the attached document by the Executive Committee. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Gott reminded the members of the Board Retreat scheduled for December 9 and 10, 2004, and encouraged their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby W. Rogers, Secretary

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Approval of New Majors

APPROVAL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SCIENCE MAJORS

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise have proposed and approved the inclusion of the Computer Science Major and the Management Information System Major in the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Computer Science Major and the Management Information System Major are expected to attract students from this area who might go elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, these two new majors will provide students with education in areas needed by businesses in this region; and

WHEREAS, such education will assist Wise County and the surrounding counties in attracting new business and industry to this region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Computer Science Major and the Management Information Systems Major be approved for addition to the College’s curriculum as presented.

Attachment II – Approval of Rental Rates

APPROVAL OF RENTAL RATES FOR STUDENT HOUSING

WHEREAS, the College provides affordable housing to students desiring to reside on campus; and

WHEREAS, the cost of operating the housing program continues to increase due to inflation and the offering of additional services,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the rental rates for student housing be increased by 7.5 percent effective July 1, 2005.

	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2005/06</u>
McCrary	\$2,808*	\$3019*
Asbury, Thompson, Townhouses, Henson, Martha Randolph and Theme Housing	\$3,244*	\$3488*

*Per academic year

APPROVAL OF CRITICAL PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise continues to develop and execute plans for constant improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Critical Priorities document guides the institution as it moves forward, through June 30, 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Critical Priorities document be approved as presented.

The University of Virginia’s College at Wise
Critical Priorities Through June 30, 2008
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The Liberal Arts Core

- Update the general education curriculum based on successes of pilot courses.
- Recruit new faculty, add resources, and expand programming in the visual and performing arts. Conduct a feasibility study and add music major if the need and resources justify the addition. Renovate and expand the current theatre building and add a performing arts center.
- Examine and formulate plans for faculty development, tenure and promotion, and renewal.
- Generate endowment support for professorships, with a focus on disciplines in which faculty recruitment is difficult.
- Add tenure track faculty and stabilize funding in overly burdened departments and in areas in which the College currently offers limited study such as the general education core, religion, and philosophy, among others.

Student Engagement and Success

- Rejuvenate and revise the freshman and sophomore experiences.
- Improve advising and academic support services to all students, including upgrading to a web-based student information system; improving ADA support services; standardizing course sequencing for the majors; creating an advising center; and co-locating enrollment management, advising, the registrar, and related services in the renovated Crockett Hall.
- Improve student participation at lectures, concerts, and exhibits.
- Build one additional residence hall, complete planning for an additional residence hall, and develop a retail “campus corner” complex.
- Improve the academic environment, aesthetics, and accessibility through the addition of public gathering spaces and attractive landscaping; acquisition of original artwork;

construction of a new campus entrance; and by providing a simple, navigable lower/upper campus connection.

- Improve intercollegiate and intramural athletic facilities, including the renovation of Greear Gymnasium and the construction of a recreational gym and a softball field. Raise endowment funds to support athletic operations.

Connections and Service

- Increase international study, foreign exchange programs, and institutional sister agreements.
- Build on successes of student volunteerism and service learning.
- Emphasize and support student research.
- Implement two national programs – the AASCU’s American Democracy Project and SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagement and Responsibilities).
- Develop new academic programs to meet the employment needs and job opportunities in Southwest Virginia and the Commonwealth, including a traditional 4-year nursing program, a computer science major, a management information systems (MIS) major, a software engineering major, and a geographic information systems (GIS) minor. Formally study and revise the College’s program at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.

A Healthy, Motivated Organization

- Improve faculty and staff interactions.
- Improve health and well being of faculty, staff, and students.
- Improve professional development opportunities for all employees and develop recognition programs for staff and general faculty.
- Improve computer and network security and reliability and provide the technologies that enhance teaching and learning and day-to-day interactions and communications (such as Blackboard, new web site, wireless capability, telephone and voice mail services, firewall and security protections, and student pc requirements).