

Special-Called Meeting
The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met in special-called session on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at 9 a.m. in the Slemp Student Center. Members present were Bill Crutchfield, Carol Sue Gilbert, Marcia Gilliam, Jim Gott, Don Green, Jack Kennedy, Larry Munsey, Don Pippin, Ford Quillen, Posey Rigg, Joe Frank Smiddy, Bill Sturgill, Mike Thomas, and Henry Winkler. Members absent were Kenneth Asbury, Wendell Barnette, Paul Buchanan, Betty Cauthen, Mickey McGlothlin, Ronnie Montgomery, Tailinett Olmedo, Ruby Rogers, and Andriani Trigiani. Also present were John Casteen, President of the University of Virginia, Rick Kast, Legal Counsel for the University, Joan Fry, Special Assistant to the President, Holly Madsen and Chuck Knapp, representatives from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

Jim Gott presided over the meeting and Rue Gembach recorded the minutes.

Proposed Use of Crockett Hall

Crockett Hall is due for a complete renovation and state funds have been allocated. Mitchell-Matthews of Charlottesville has been selected as the architects on the project. The plans were last reviewed at a meeting of the Facilities and Finance Committee on April 22, 2003 and modifications to the plans were recommended. The modified plans recommending that the offices of the Chancellor and Provost be moved to Crockett Hall were approved by the Board at its May 16, 2003 meeting. It was later decided that the provost and his staff would not move to Crockett Hall.

Following input from the Renovation Committee and the campus community, Chancellor Ern has reconsidered the space allocation planned for Crockett Hall and concludes that the Chancellor's Office should remain in Bowers-Sturgill Hall rather than move to Crockett Hall. This plan will provide adequate space for the offices originally designated to be in Crockett – admission, financial aid, academic advising, bursar, and registrar – and allow it to be a true “one-stop service” for students. Moreover, Chancellor Ern finds great advantage to having the Chancellor's Office in close proximity to the Office of Development especially in light of the working relationship needed during the upcoming campaign. The Facilities and Finance Committee was recently polled and concur with the Chancellor's recommendation.

A motion was made by Bill Crutchfield and seconded by Don Pippin to approve the attached resolution pertaining to the proposed use of Crockett Hall. The motion received unanimous approval.

Conflict of Interest

Rick Kast, legal counsel at the University of Virginia, conducted a workshop on Conflict of Interest in accordance to Executive Order 53 signed by Governor Warner in June 2003.

Association of Governing Board Workshop

President Casteen briefly discussed the role of the College's Board in relation to the Board of Visitors. He then introduced Chuck Knapp who is well known for his distinguished role as president of the University of Georgia, former head of the Aspen Institute, and as a consultant with boards on all sorts of topics. Mr. Knapp has vast experience coordinating searches for boards, and currently has a collaborative arrangement with the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, which is available to the Board as an on-going forum and training organization.

Mr. Knapp led the workshop focusing on the roles and responsibilities of a Board, discussed a typical search process for a Chancellor, and facilitated a discussion as to the desired personal qualities and experiences of the next Chancellor.

Plans for a Board Retreat

It was the consensus of the Board that additional time was needed to continue its discussion of the above issues prior to beginning a search for a new chancellor. President Casteen suggested that instead of having the scheduled Board meeting on December 10, the Board should take several days away from the campus for a Board Retreat. Arrangements for a Board Retreat will be coordinated through the University of Virginia.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby W. Rogers
Secretary

Attachment

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED USE OF CROCKETT HALL

WHEREAS, Crockett Hall is due for a complete renovation and state funds have been allocated; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell-Matthews of Charlottesville has been selected as the architects on the project; and

WHEREAS, the Crockett Hall Renovation Committee has gone through the appropriate committee approval process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee, along with the Chancellor and the Facilities and Finance Committee, recommends that Crockett Hall be renovated to provide adequate space for the offices of admission, financial aid, academic advising, bursar, and registrar, making this building a “one-stop service” for students. Approved on this date, October 20, 2004.